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Undecided voters swing to 'Yes' camp

Boost for EU as Swedes vote to join

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN STOCKHOLM

IN A clear vote of confidence in the European Union, Sweden last night voted to enter the EU with Finland and Austria in January, setting the Union on course to expand to 15 or 16 members.

An exit poll of 5,000 voters found the "Yes" campaign had won by 57.6-41 per cent, suggesting that numerous hesitant and undecided voters had swung to the pro-EU campaign in the past two or three days. But with 79 per cent of the vote counted, the margin of victory seemed likely to be smaller. The yes voters stood at 51 per cent, the no voters at 48.1 per cent, and blank papers at 0.9 per cent. Polls taken a week ago found the two sides neck and neck.

"The Swedish people have said their piece and we have to accept it," said Hans Lindqvist, leader of the "No" campaign. The result appears to have been swung by the last-minute pro-EU choices of women and young people, groups against membership in earlier polls.

The result settles the present round of EU expansion and allows its governments to move towards opening the EU to its first members from Eastern and Central Europe. Finland and Austria have voted to join in January and Sweden's vote leaves only Norway's referendum. Norwegians drew back from EU membership in 1972, and seem likely to to do so again on November 28.

Hans van den Broek, the EU Commissioner for External Affairs, said in Brussels last night: "I'm absolutely encouraged and I rejoice. It gives a real impetus to further co-operation with the European Union. We have a lot of problems to face together. They cannot be solved purely on a national basis. The EU will be enriched by Sweden's longstanding democratic experience."

Opinion surveys suggest that the Norwegian vote will be influenced by the vote in Sweden. With three out of four states now certain to expand the EU's membership from 12 to at least 15, the governments that pressed for rapid enlargement will feel their strategy has been vindicated. The pace of negotiations was driven by the German government whose ministers are keenest to bring in East European states. Britain has also backed swift enlargement, although none of the three states which have voted will be regular allies of British governments inside the Union. Although Scandinavian governments are wary of political integration, they will press for social and environmental policies unwelcome to London.

The Swedish referendum campaign was marked by lack of any strong or widespread enthusiasm for the EU. Sweden negotiated access to the single market two years ago and the key issues here were political and constitutional. A well-run and articulate "No" campaign held the initiative for much of time with claims that EU membership would destroy Sweden's autonomy without delivering economic benefits in return.

Clarke tackles sceptics

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke will lead a fierce offensive to head off a damaging backbench Tory rebellion over plans to increase Britain's payments to the European Union.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is among senior Cabinet ministers being pressed to campaign to prevent the Government suffering a defeat at the hands of Eurosceptic Tories. The EU Finance Bill is one of the most contentious pieces of legislation of the new parliament, which opens on Wednesday.

Besides Mr Clarke, seen as the standard-bearer of the pro-European wing of the party, the team is expected to include Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

Battle lines have already been drawn: Mr Clarke sent a letter to all MPs dismissing Euro-sceptics' claims that Britain's dues would have to rise by £2 billion. He insists that the increase will start at only £75 million in 1995-96.

Tories are worried that John Major could face a repeat of the Maastricht dilemma, when he only managed to force through the Bill ratifying the treaty by calling for a vote of confidence.



BILLY BONDS

Nick Marx, with a Bengal tiger at Howletts Wild Animal Park, beat off the tiger who attacked and killed his colleague, Trevor Smith

Zookeeper dies after mauling by tiger

BY BILL FROST AND JOHN YOUNG

A ZOOKEEPER died yesterday after being mauled by a tiger at a zoo founded by John Aspinall, the millionaire gambler and animal lover, which has a history of fatal attacks.

Trevor Smith, 33, was bitten in the neck by Balkash, a two-and-a-half-year old Siberian tiger at Howletts Wild Animal Park near Canterbury, Kent, as two visitors and a member of staff watched in horror.

The zoo said Balkash turned on Mr Smith after he entered the enclosure it shares with another tiger equipped with a bucket and spade to collect droppings. He had worked in the big-cat section for five years and had known the two tigers since their birth.

Kent police said Mr Smith stroked the two animals when they came close. Balkash, the larger of the pair, then stood on its back legs and put its front paws on the keeper's shoulders, pushing him to the ground. Mr Smith was heard to shout once before collapsing. The smaller tiger, Zamsan, did not take part.

The incident reopened controversy about Mr Aspinall's policy of allowing staff to enter enclosures occupied by dangerous animals.

Two keepers at the zoo were killed within a month of each other in 1980. Brian Stocks, the head keeper, died instantly after he went alone into the cage where a tigress had been nursing her cub. Bob Wilson was killed by the same animal after she leapt over a fence and savaged him as he cleaned her cage containing her cub. In August last year Mr Aspinall's daughter-in-law, Louise, needed 15 stitches after being mauled.



One of the Siberian tigers at the zoo

Mr Aspinall treats his animals as "honoured guests", saying that keepers should build the closest possible relationship with the animals.

The zoo said that Mr Smith, who was married, had made it clear that his life revolved around working closely with his tigers in their cages. "No keeper at the zoo parks is required to enter a tiger enclosure except on a voluntary basis."

Nick Marx, a fellow keeper, heard Mr Smith shout and, entering the enclosure, beat off Balkash with a spade before shutting the tigers in a neighbouring enclosure.

Dr Mike Lockyer, the zoological director, said last night: "We are all in a state of shock ... Trevor Smith loved his work and he knew that there is always an element of risk with tigers. He was a postman originally, and once he said to me, 'I love being here, doing what I do — it's better than stuffing letters through letter boxes — and if I couldn't work with the animals I think I would lose my enthusiasm for life.' " No decision has been taken on the fate of the tiger.

In April a voluntary worker at Mr Aspinall's second zoo in the county, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, had a finger and thumb bitten off by a chimpanzee. Five years earlier the animal had severed five-year-old Matthew McDaid. In 1977 wolves attacked a woman who entered a cage at Port Lympne without permission.

The Environment Department said last night that its responsibility rested solely with ensuring the welfare of the animals, and safeguarding the public.

Row over judicial job throws Dublin coalition into crisis

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Republic's coalition government teetered on the brink of collapse last night, threatening to derail the Ulster peace process, as Dick Spring, the Labour leader, launched a savage attack on Albert Reynolds over his handling of a legal appointment.

After a six-hour emergency meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party Mr Spring postponed a decision on whether to remain in government until the Dail debates the appointment of the President of the High Court tomorrow. But he said that the government's spirit of partnership had broken down after Mr Reynolds, the Prime Minister and leader of Fianna Fail, overrode Labour's objections and nominated Harry Whelehan, the Attorney-General, as High Court president.

Labour's meeting yesterday prompted a senior member of Sinn Fein to say that the crisis posed a most serious threat to the peace process. Martin McGuinness, who provides his party's strongest link with the IRA leadership, said: "This could have a very negative and destabilising effect on the peace process." However, Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland security minister, said that a change of government in the republic would not affect the peace process. After laying a wreath at a Remembrance Day service in Londonderry, he said: "Whoever forms the government of the republic will be working within the framework of the joint declaration to secure peace in Northern Ireland and throughout the island of Ireland."

Labour has strongly opposed Mr Whelehan because he is regarded as too conservative on social issues such as divorce and abortion. Mr Spring also alleges that Mr Whelehan delayed dealing with an extradition warrant from the RUC for a priest,

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Storm over Indonesia arms deal

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Government is braced for an onslaught from the Opposition this week over allegations that Britain is using its overseas aid budget to win lucrative arms deals with undemocratic regimes.

Robin Cook, the shadow Foreign Secretary, will launch a Commons debate on Thursday over claims that Britain is putting together an arms deal worth up to £6 billion with Indonesia, despite Jakarta's human rights record.

The allegations came as President Clinton's arrival in Jakarta for an economic summit sparked a demonstration at the US Embassy.

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Hill refuses to blame rival for costly crash

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN ADELAIDE

DAMON Hill last night refused to blame Michael Schumacher, the new Formula One World Champion, for their collision that ended his hopes of winning the title and emulating his late father, Graham.

Hill, who trailed the German Benetton driver by one point before yesterday's Australian Grand Prix, the last of the season, drove brilliantly and pressured Schumacher into a mistake just before halfway into the 81 lap race.

Schumacher lost control of the car at a bend and hit a wall. He got his vehicle back onto the track and as Hill tried to overtake him at the next corner, veered sharply right and they collided. Schumacher's car ended up stuck in a tyre wall while Hill nursed his Williams-Renault to the pits, but his mechanics could not mend the damaged suspension, and he had to retire.

Schumacher, 25, blamed the accident on a damaged steering system sustained in his first crash. Hill, 31, who would have become champion if he had won the race, would not say whether he thought Schumacher was to blame.

However, others were less diplomatic. A team owner, who did not wish to be named, said the German had acted "like a highwayman. It has diminished his credibility".

The race was won by the 1992 World Champion Nigel Mansell, Hill's teammate.

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Now cricketers are accused of fixing games

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND IVO TENNANT

ENGLAND'S cricket authorities yesterday launched an investigation into allegations that the players of Essex and Lancashire colluded to fix the results of both a Sunday League and county championship match.

As the controversy over footballer Bruce Grobbelaar continued, Don Topley and Guy Lovell, two former Essex cricketers, claimed the counties had traded mutually beneficial victories in the games played over one weekend in August 1991. Alan Smith, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) chief executive, said that the TCCB expected the counties "to report to us as soon as they have looked into this matter".

Topley alleged that before the Sunday League game on August 25, 1991, which came after two days of the county championship fixture, Essex were told that if they lost the one-day match they would get an easy declaration.

Essex were near the top of the championship table but had little chance in the Sunday League. Lancashire were out of championship contention but were well-placed in the one-day league.

Lancashire won the Sunday League game but failed to take the title. Essex won the championship game, after what Wisden termed a "generous declaration" and went on to win the title.

Bob Bennett, the Lancashire chairman, yesterday confirmed that the county would be investigating. "Our captain in those matches, Neil Fairbrother, is abroad but we shall be contacting him."

Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary-general and manager, said: "Clearly we will have to investigate. Unfortunately most of the people to whom we need to speak are not employees of Essex, so we do not have a lot of power to get information out of them."

Topley was quoted by the *Sunday Mirror* as alleging that Neil Foster, the England fast bowler and acting Essex captain while Graham Gooch was playing for England that weekend, had "suggested how we could win the game on Monday. Essex had to throw the Sunday match and and in return Lancashire would make it easier for us to win the championship."

Foster told the newspaper: "I do not particularly remember the game. Anyway, I have no knowledge of any deal."

Gooch, who is with the England party in Australia, said: "I know nothing about it. These are serious allegations." Mike Atherton, England's captain and a Lancashire cricketer, denied all knowledge of them. He did not play in either match.

Lovell told the newspaper that Foster had announced the deal to the team. "We were told to keep our mouths shut and not put any bets on."

Although no one is accused of having received any money directly for the deal, the TCCB would have to act if the allegations are substantiated because counties receive prize-money.



Foster: Essex captain denies allegations

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Bar tells Inns of Court to tackle discrimination



Munby: Inns need "vision to press for what is right"

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BARRISTERS have condemned their Inns of Court for not adopting an anti-discrimination code.

The annual general meeting of the Bar, attended in London by 200 barristers at the weekend, backed a resolution that the decision by three of the four Inns to reject a wide-ranging equality code covering race, gender, disability and sexual orientation was compromising the Bar's "public standing".

The criticism by barristers followed a decision by Middle Temple, Lincoln's Inn and Gray's Inn not to adopt a full equality code (as Inner Temple has agreed to do). Instead, the three Inns have agreed a brief policy statement which, barristers said, "fails to incorporate fully the Bar's own prohibitions on discrimination and which represents neither good management practice nor proper professional standards".

The three Inns will now face pressure to change their decision. They are not bound to follow what the Bar says, but have undertaken to implement the main policies of the Bar Council, as the profession's central governing body.

Bruce Coles, QC, proposer of the motion, said there was "much evidence that qualified applicants and practitioners are being denied access to practise and to equality of opportunity when practising on grounds of gender and race". A disproportionately small number of women and people from ethnic minorities was in mainstream chambers or among QCs.

The Bar's full equality code was aimed at eliminating discrimination on grounds of disability or sexual orientation as well as of race and gender. It also seeks to promote equality of opportunity by highlighting how discrimination may occur and how to avoid it. "It is not enough to say: thou shalt not discriminate. What is needed is some guidance to practitioners as to how to avoid discrimination," Mr Coles said.

James Munby, QC, said the Bar should be in the forefront of attacking discrimination in all forms. The Inns could not afford to be "mean-spirited or legalistic" over the issue. "What they need is the courage and vision to press for what is right." He urged the meeting to "send out to society a message which is loud and clear — that this profession utterly rejects prejudice and discrimination."

The three Inns under fire tabled a statement to the meeting emphasising that their record "in particular of religious tolerance is second to none" and that they intended to maintain that record.

They said their policy was sufficient to satisfy the law and had the advantage of concision. They accepted that practical steps would need to be taken to implement the policy and added that "the Inns are proud of their record in avoiding any sort of discrimination against any minority or person for whatever reason".

In support of the Inns, John Samuels, QC, questioned whether their equality code was in any way improper. Another QC, Ronald Walker, said the Inns utterly rejected discrimination; the only dispute was over the "form the code should take".

Judith Gibson, a Lincoln's Inn barrister, said of the Bar's own code (which runs to 55 pages) that she had rarely seen a more "prolix and bad piece of drafting" and that the Inn had thought it better to put the matter in a few words.

☐ The suspension of a senior crown prosecutor nearly two weeks ago, after he had written an article in *The Times*, was condemned in principle by Robert Seabrook, QC, Bar chairman, at its annual meeting. He said he had taken it up with the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mills, QC.

Mr Seabrook could not comment on the case of Neil Addison, who was suspended after writing about the possible effects of privatising the Crown Prosecution Service. But he said: "I have no doubt that the Bar Council would take the view that it is unacceptable for a barrister member of the Bar Council to be constrained from speaking out on issues that affect the profession or which prevent him from fulfilling his or her role as a member of the Bar Council."

Health chairman attacked for 'doctor bashing'

By Jeremy Laurance
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

AN NHS Trust chairman was attacked by medical organisations yesterday after he said that a doctor's duty to his employers came before his duty to his patients.

Roy Lilley, chairman of the Homewood NHS Trust in Surrey, said that a doctor's first obligation was to the organisation he worked in. His remarks were condemned by the British Medical Association as "completely outrageous".

The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts criticised his "blood-curdling language" and accused Mr Lilley of failing to appreciate the "delicacy of the doctor-patient relationship". The Health Department said his views were not shared by Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary.

Mr Lilley, a flamboyant millionaire who drives a Rolls-Royce and recently expressed the hope that NHS trusts would one day be floated on the stock market, is the latest of a series of managers to clash with doctors in a battle for control of the NHS.

John Spiers, a friend of Mr Lilley's, was recently ousted as chairman of Brighton NHS Trust after he criticised the competence of some consultants and said he would not share a railway carriage with them. Similar disputes have erupted in Burnley and Bradford.

Mr Lilley, like Mr Spiers, believes that the BMA and the royal medical colleges are doing too little to measure the effectiveness of what doctors do, or to ensure that proven treatments and ways of working are taken up.

In an article to be published in *Health Care Today* later this month, Mr Lilley says doctors should swap their "Hippocratic priorities" for something less hypocritical. He writes: "Only when doctors work as part of a team, agree to be properly qualified, tested and brought up-to-date can they discharge their third responsibility — their duty to patients."

Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said the tone of Mr Lilley's remarks was dangerous. "Most doctors are committed to the NHS and that is a very precious commodity. We have to be very careful before making silly statements that we don't drive the medical profession back behind the bunkers again," he said. "He is going too far. Crude doctor bashing is unhelpful.

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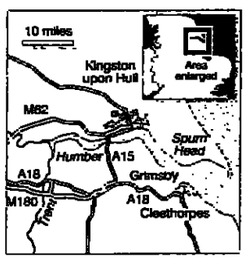
Hull condemns Gummer ploy on sewage plant

By Michael Horsnell

BUREAUCRATS trying to enforce a Brussels sewage directive came up with a novel solution to dealing with water pollution in Hull — by effectively designating the city a seaside resort.

They placed the river port, more often associated with industrial decay and the pungent scent of fish, in the same category as leading coastal tourist destinations. The move by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, will assist the privatised Yorkshire Water to sidestep a European directive to build a £200 million sewage works.

Mima Bell, the Lord Mayor of Hull, opposed the action. She said yesterday that Hull, which lies over 20 miles up river from the North Sea and 15 miles from the nearest beach, desperately needs the plant to clean its raw sewage, which fouls the banks of the Humber and the real resort of Cleethorpes.



"It's easy for people to find this all very amusing, but it's actually a serious matter for the city because sewage is not a funny problem and we need the plant that Yorkshire Water originally promised," she said. "Water rates have meanwhile gone up and now we are faced with this backsliding. It's incredible."

Under the European Union directive, which Britain has accepted, Hull's pollution would become illegal by 1998. But Mr Gummer has allegedly exploited a legal loophole that allows less stringent standards for "high natural dispersion areas", such as at coastal resorts, where the sea would carry away the waste.

Residents of Hull were alerted to the sleight of hand by a recent letter from Yorkshire Water to Darryl Stephenson, the city's clerk and chief executive. It said: "The coastline has been defined, for the purposes of the directive, as including that part of the Humber downstream of the Humber Bridge. Hull sewage therefore discharges to the coastal waters rather than in the estuary."

Mr Stephenson, who was informed that the sewage works would be scrapped, has written to Mr Gummer denouncing the decision as "totally unacceptable".

David Gemmell, chairman of the city's tourism committee, said: "This is absolutely ludicrous. It is just a cost-saving exercise from a privatised ex-public utility ... I think it is a very cynical operation."

The Environment Department said, however, that the redesignation of Hull would still compel Yorkshire Water to ensure sewage was properly treated. A spokesman said: "There will now be a full survey done by the National Rivers Authority, along with a team of experts, to determine whether the assessment of Hull was right."

If the survey found that the Humber were not a sufficiently high natural dispersion area, Yorkshire Water could still have to develop a cheaper primary treatment works.

Mystery virus blamed on Welsh water quality

PRESSURE is mounting for an official inquiry into water quality at a South Wales beauty spot after bathers said they feared it could be linked with mystery illnesses.

More cases emerged at an emergency meeting called to discuss public concern over pollution at Oxwich Bay on the Gower coast. Two previously fit teenagers are still in wheelchairs months after being partially paralysed by a suspected viral infection.

Although doctors have been unable to establish a direct link with sea water pollution, both Cassandra Lewis, 17, and John Osborne, 16, were taken ill shortly after swimming there during the summer. Now June Powell, 44, has complained of feeling unwell, "like a spent firework", since she visited the beach in August. Amanda Thomas, 23, of West Cross, Swansea, has also come forward, claiming she has been too weak to work because of a debilitating illness since swimming on the Gower coast last July.



Dick Spring, left, with Ruri Quinn, Irish Labour Party deputy leader, during the party's emergency meeting yesterday

Dublin row puts coalition in crisis

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Father Brendan Smyth, who committed paedophile offences. Mr Spring led a walk-out by Labour ministers from the Cabinet last Friday when Mr Reynolds nominated Mr Whelehan.

At a packed press conference last night Mr Spring announced his delay of a decision on Labour's position until Mr Reynolds addresses parliament tommorow on the Whelehan dispute. In a strong attack on Mr Reynolds, he said: "When all the other questions have been dealt with, one remains. We have allowed a child abuser to remain at large in our community when we had it in our power to ensure that he was given up to justice. Is no one going to explain why, is no one going to take responsbility, is no one to account to the people for so grievous a lapse?"

He added that the government owed a duty to the people to protect its children. "We have a duty as representatives of the people to ensure that there is full accountability to them in respect of any failure to protect them."

During the meeting the Labour members of the Dail and Senate were considering whether to leave the 22-month-old coalition government or to try to patch up their differences with Fianna Fail. Mr Reynolds said yesterday that he would ask President Robinson to dissolve the Dail if Labour refused to support a minority Fianna Fail administration. However, Labour could try to form a minority government with the opposition Fine Gael.

Labour was disturbed at Mr Whelehan's delay in dealing with the extradition warrants against Father Smyth who has since been jailed to four years in Northern Ireland for sexual assaults on children. Mr Whelehan's strong defence of his handling of the affair, which was leaked to yesterday's Dublin *Sunday Tribune*, infuriated Labour ministers.

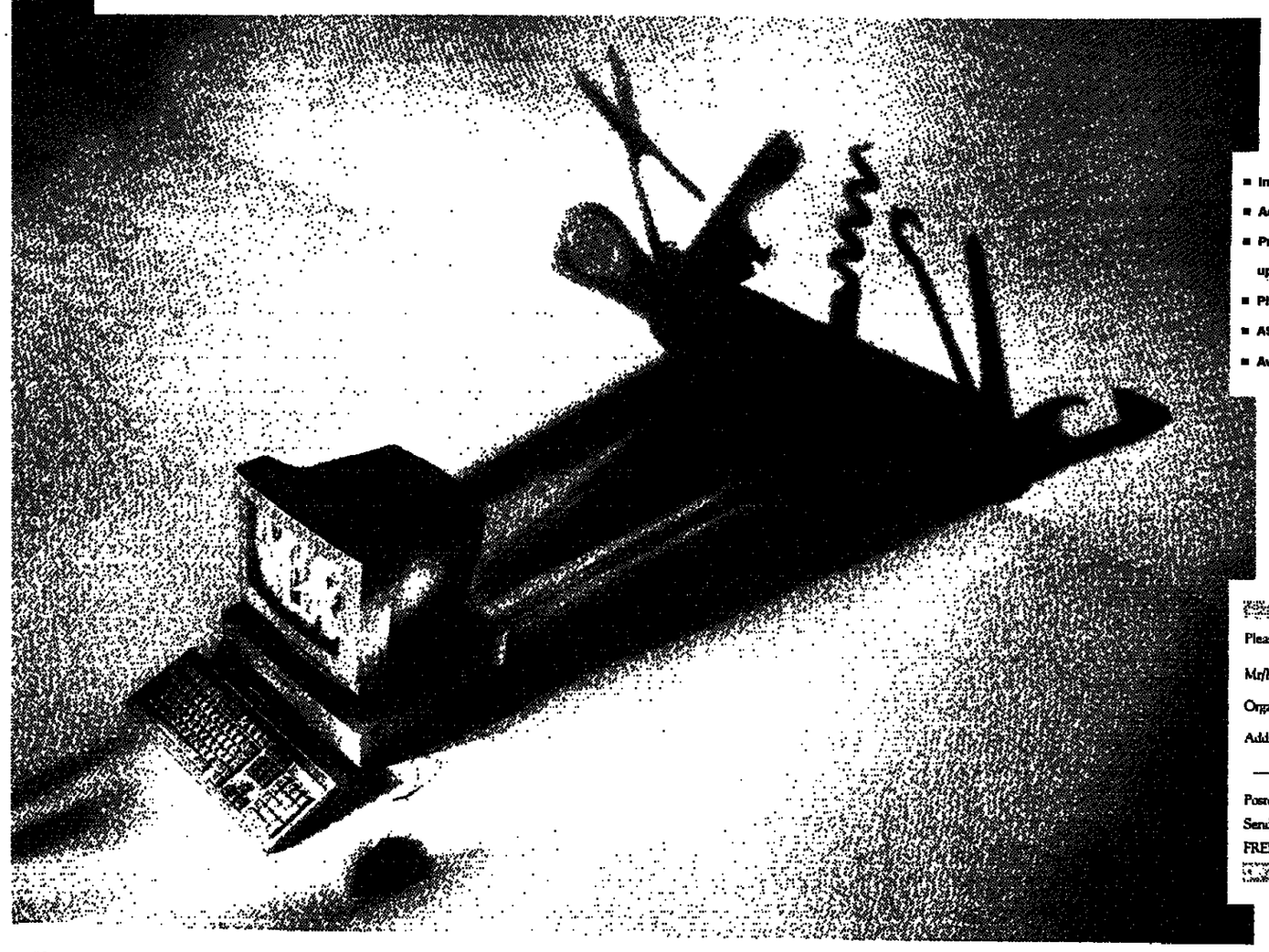
Mr Reynolds, who has pledged to give a full explanation of the Smyth affair when the Dail resumes tomorrow, pleaded with Labour yesterday not to leave the government at such a crucial time in the peace process. He said: "It is my conviction that the interest of the nation is best served now by us continuing this most important national work together."

If the Irish government collapses, the peace process will face its most serious challenge since the IRA announced its ceasefire. Mr McGuinness underlined the gravity of the threat when he said yesterday: "The removal of Albert Reynolds as Taoiseach [Prime Minister] at such a critical stage of the peace process would very seriously damage the peace process."

Paving the way for an election would be a huge political gamble for Mr Spring whose party has performed poorly in recent elections. In an opinion poll by the *Sunday Independent* / Irish Marketing Service last week Labour plunged to a new low of 12 per cent.

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Souls stirred by memory of conflicts past

By John Young

THE enduring significance of Remembrance Sunday and its appeal to the soul of the nation were once again demonstrated yesterday as nearly 10,000 old soldiers, sailors and airmen marched past the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

Thousands more spectators — tourists and the curious young, as well as the families of veterans — lined the pavements on a mild grey November day as troops of all three services formed a hollow square around the memorial, and the massed bands of the Guards Division launched into a familiar patriotic medley of tunes and the climactic Nimrod from Elgar's Enigma Variations.

The leaves on the plane trees were still unseasonably green as choristers of the City of London School and the Chapel Royal, Windsor, led a procession of clergy, including senior armed services chaplains and the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope.

As the choir and crowd sang "O Valiant Hearts", the nation's political leaders were joined by three former prime ministers, Baroness Thatcher, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff and Sir Edward Heath, and by the three service chiefs.

At 10.58, as the parade was called to attention, the Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of York and the Duke of Kent, took up their position in front of the Cenotaph, while other members of the Royal Family, including the Princess Royal and her husband Timothy Laurence, watched from a balcony. A notable absentee was the Queen Mother who is recovering from a foot injury; it was only the second time since the end of the Second World War that she had been missed the ceremony.

Big Ben's striking of the eleventh hour was the signal for the two minutes' silence, at the end of which a distant artillery shot announced the sounding of "The Last Post" by Royal Marine buglers. The Queen laid the first wreath, followed by the royal princes, the politicians and the High Commissioners of the Commonwealth countries, among which South Africa was once again able to take its place.

Dr Hope led the prayers, the crowd sang "O God Our Help in Ages Past", and trumpeters of the Royal Air Force sounded the Reveille. After the singing of the National Anthem the dignitaries departed, and the stage was left to the veterans.

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, president of the Royal British Legion, and representatives of other ex-servicemen's organisations laid wreaths, and then to the sound of "Tipperary", "There'll Always be an England", "Soldiers of the Queen" and "Colonel Bogey", the men and women who had served their country in the destructive wars of a century drawing towards its close began their half-hour march past.

The Queen and her commanders had left the stage. The veterans saluted no living dignitaries but the memorial to their fallen comrades in arms. Some marched as stiff-backed as ever, others were limping, in wheelchairs or sightless on the arms of guides, but their pride was as resplendent as ever.

In the year that marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Allied landings in Europe special cheers were reserved not only for the paratroopers and other Normandy veterans but also for survivors of the "forgotten armies", members of the Burma Star Association and Wingate's Chindits who fought to free Asia from Japanese tyranny.

After the parade ended, the bells of Westminster Abbey pealed as hundreds of people wandered through the Garden of Remembrance. Asked how long he thought the tradition would continue, David Tomlins, formerly of the Royal Signals, said he thought it would be at least until the last national servicemen departed.

Eric Thomson, who served in the Royal Navy, was less optimistic. "I would like to think it would go on," he said. "But when I see so many young people not wearing poppies, I think it indicates they are not very interested. I think it will die a natural death."

But Natalie Wood, of Swindon, who had watched the parade for the first time, said: "I think it will go on. People should remember those who fought for their country and are still fighting."

JAMES MORGAN and JULIAN HERBERT



Two young women wearing their relatives' cap badges and medals attract smiles as they line up among paratroop veterans before the Cenotaph ceremony



The Queen waits to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph

Bosnian ironies underlie service

From Anthony Lloyd in Gornji Vakuf

THE remembrance service held by British servicemen in Gornji Vakuf, central Bosnia yesterday, evoked depressing memories. Since last year, 11 British soldiers have died in the former Yugoslav republic.

Held on the grey factory floor that has become home to C Company the Royal Highland Fusiliers after their recent deployment to Bosnia, the remembrance service, attended by Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the United Nations commander in Bosnia, was the third in the town since British troops arrived to undertake their UN role in the republic in 1992.

Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards, the first British soldier to be killed, was shot by a sniper in the town while serving with the Cheshires in January 1993, when Gornji Vakuf was on the front line between Croat and Muslim troops. The Muslim-Croat war ended this spring. Soldiers who once fought each other today fight together against the Serbs. Yet in the past eight months another 11 British soldiers have been killed by bullets and mines and in accidents.

"Fight the Good Fight," sang the congregation, whose mandate will allow them to fight no fight at all. The padre, Captain Rory McLeod said: "War, ghastly though it is, is sometimes the only way to preserve the freedom, the rights and the lifestyle we have come to expect as our right. The bully or the tyrant has to be defeated."

Few Bosnians would have disagreed with his words, but they are at odds with the UN's policy in Bosnia.

Another new regiment has entered this unstable environment, their mandate repeatedly challenged, their security largely at the mercy of peoples increasingly critical of the UN presence.

DJ attacks show in poppy blunder

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

BBC Radio 1 apologised last night for broadcasting a trailer that asked: "Remembrance Day, what is it good for?", almost immediately after the station had held two minutes' silence on air to honour those who died in the two world wars.

Fifty listeners rang the BBC to complain about the insensitive timing of the trailer broadcast during the Danny Baker show shortly after the station's live coverage of the Cenotaph ceremony in Whitehall. Mr Baker was so outraged at the wording of the promotion that he interrupted the tape to criticise the BBC.

He said: "I'm sorry about that, I didn't know what it was going to say. What is this station?" He later added: "No wonder this station is losing listeners."

Mr Baker then vanished from the air for 30 minutes, forcing his producer to play records until his return.

At the end of his programme, Mr Baker, who was presenting his last edition of the Sunday show, said: "Next year I won't be here. Perhaps then they will play it during the two minutes' silence."

A spokeswoman for the BBC said: "Danny Baker was obviously surprised by the scheduling of the trailer so close after the Cenotaph coverage. The trailer was not intended to cause offence or to be disrespectful of Remembrance Day."

She added that the full wording of the trailer was: "Remembrance Day — what is it good for? Plastic poppies and cenotaph ceremonies — what do they mean in 1994? Release the Peace tonight at 7 o'clock on 1FM."

Grobbelaar's week of turmoil ends in victory under the sun

From Lynn Jenkins in Harare

A DEFIANT Bruce Grobbelaar helped his adopted country, Zimbabwe, to a 2-1 win over Zaire yesterday in the African Nations Cup yesterday. Fans roared their approval whenever the Southampton goalkeeper touched the ball.

After the match, which was marred by an attack on the referee by Zairean players angry at a penalty decision, Grobbelaar vowed to return to Britain to face allegations that he accepted bribes for conceeding goals when he played for Liverpool. The Football Association, which is preparing to charge Grobbelaar with "bringing the game into disrepute", is examining whether it can suspend him from playing in the Premier League while it looks into his case.

For four days the FA has examined the tape and video evidence of the allegations that Grobbelaar helped to fix matches for a Far Eastern betting syndicate. The player denies the claims.

The governing body is determined that Grobbelaar, who has issued a writ for libel against *The Sun*, will have an opportunity to explain himself.

It is possible that Southampton, whose director of football Lawrie McMenemy is a former FA employee, may act independently before the club's game against Arsenal on Saturday. Sir Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, said yesterday that the allegations could be "the tip of the iceberg".

To the crowd who jammed the the national stadium in Harare, the "jungle man" as they call Grobbelaar in recognition of his athleticism, could do no wrong. When Zaire's equaliser flicked into the net beneath his right arm as he dived across the goalmouth in the 66th minute, a forest of "Bruce is Innocent" banners were waved aloft.

Grobbelaar's wife Debbie had flown in yesterday for the match and immediately went to the ground to show support for her husband.

Thirty minutes before kick-off the woman Grobbelaar had described only hours early as his "lucky mascot" walked halfway round the stadium in front of the capacity crowd flanked by their friend Gordon Crawford and their lawyer Brian Canavan to take their seats below President Mugabe's box.

The game was won in the first minute of injury time when Peter Ndlovu, who plays for Coventry City, converted a controversial penalty. Zairean players thought the decision was unfair and turned on the Zambian referee at the final whistle. He had to be rescued by riot police armed with shotguns, teargas canisters and batons. Some Zairean players were bitten by police dogs.

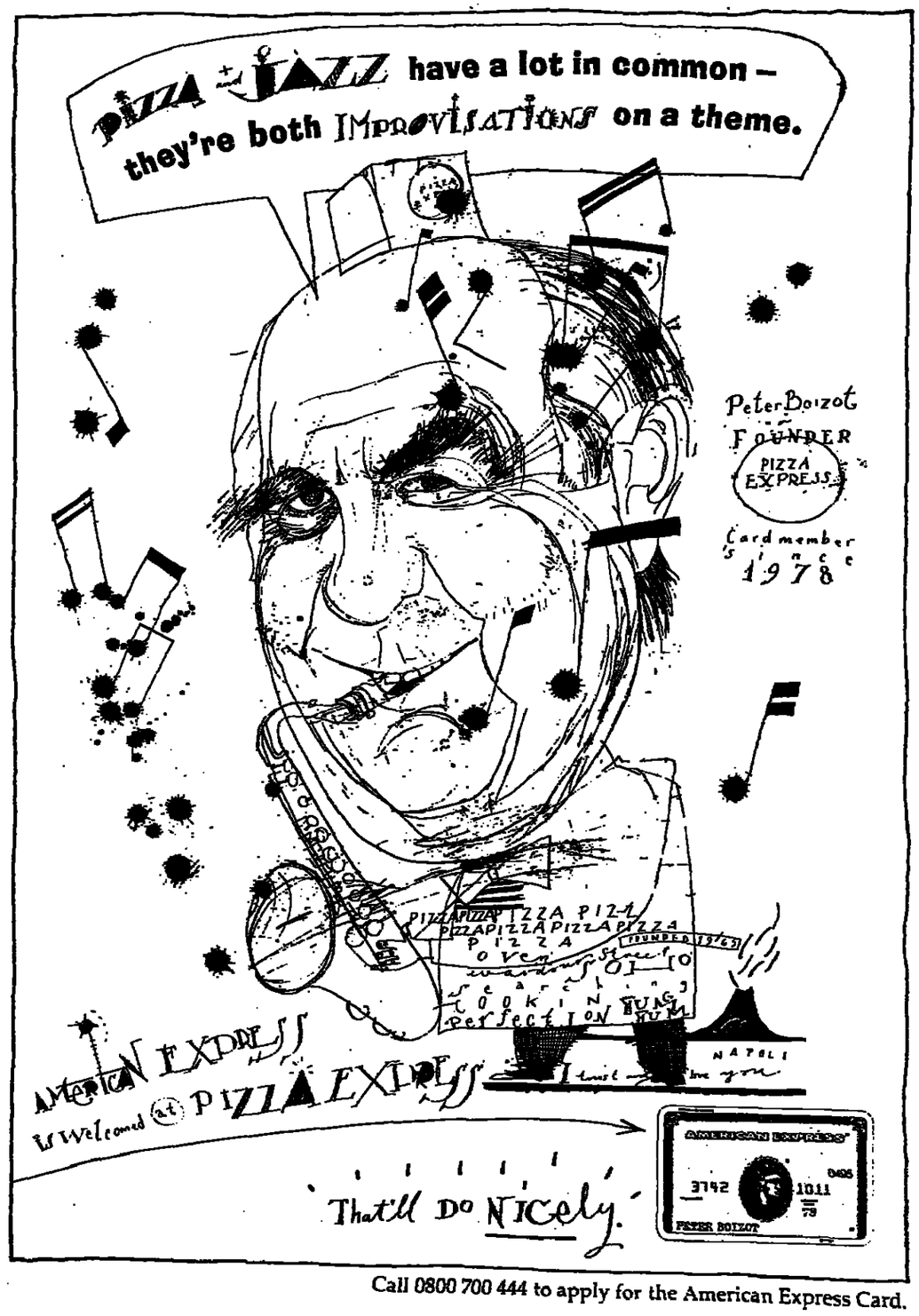
Above the chanting of "Bruce, Bruce", Grobbelaar said he did not feel that by playing he had made some point in the debate over whether he will be disciplined over the allegations made against him. "I did not come here to make a point. I came here to play to the best of my ability. I am a professional footballer. I would never sell my heart or soul for anything and never my country."

He said the single goal which slipped past him was a good one. "He lost his marker and shot between another player's legs and I did not see it. It was a good goal, a very good goal."

Rudi Gutendorf, the coach who has been in charge for Zimbabwe for the past seven weeks, described it as a world class goal. "He is the best keeper I have ever seen."



Grobbelaar shows his allegiance before kick-off



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Leonardo manuscript to be renamed 'Codex Microsoft'

From Ben Macintyre in New York

LEONARDO da Vinci's scientific treatise the "Codex Hammer" will now be renamed the "Codex Gates", or perhaps even the "Codex Microsoft", in honour of its new owner, the computer *tycoon* Bill Gates.

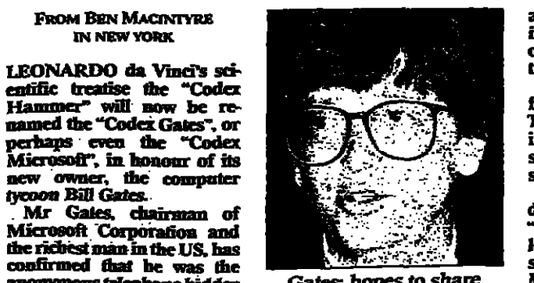
Mr Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corporation and the richest man in the US, has confirmed that he was the anonymous telephone bidder who purchased the "Codex" at a Christie's auction in New York on Friday for $30.8 million (£19.2 million), the highest price ever paid for a manuscript.

Compiled by Leonardo between 1506 and 1510, the 72-page "Codex Hammer" is named after the late oil *magnate* Armand Hammer, who bought it in 1980 for £2.4 million. Illustrated with more than 300 drawings, the document combines Leonardo's original ideas on a vast array of scientific subjects including hydraulics, cosmology, geography, geology, astronomy and mechanics.

"Leonardo represents the fusion of art and science. That is why he is of such interest to Bill Gates," a spokeswoman for the Microsoft chairman said.

Christie's initially described the buyer only as "an anonymous private collector", but a Microsoft spokesman confirmed that Mr Gates was the buyer after a news report in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

Mr Gates intends to place his latest acquisition on public display, starting with a year-long tour of Italian museums, and hopes "to share it with people", according to a Microsoft spokesman.



Gates: hopes to share Codex with the people

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From the Scilly Isles to Shetland, a National Lottery ticket offers everyone the chance to dream

Today's the day if you want to be a millionaire

By Alexandra Frean and Jon Ashworth

JOHN Major will launch ticket sales for the National Lottery today, creating the opportunity for ordinary citizens to become instant millionaires.

The first jackpot is likely to be at least £2 million, although some industry experts believe that the top prize could be as high as £5 million if ticket sales in the first week reach £35 million. The value of ticket sales is likely to be the biggest of any lottery in the world. More than 33 million of the 44 million people in Britain aged 16 and over are expected to take part occasionally, with nearly 17 million participating on a regular basis.

The Prime Minister will be joined by Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, Baroness Trumpington, a government Whip, and Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the lottery operator Camelot, at a launch party at the Tower of London at 6.15am. Other parties will take place simultaneously in Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

and the first tickets will go on sale at 7am.

Today also marks the beginning of the eagerly awaited rush to raise billions of pounds towards deserving projects. Throughout the week a number of celebrities, including the British athletes Linford Christie and Sally Gunnell and the actor Richard Wilson, will promote the five "good causes" which will benefit from the lottery proceeds.

An estimated £1.3 billion a year, representing about 28 per cent of the lottery revenue, will be distributed to the arts, sport, heritage, charities and the celebrations of the new millennium. Half of the money raised from the lottery will fund the prizes, retailers and Camelot will take 5 per cent each and 12 per cent will go to the Treasury.

On Saturday evening up to 23 million people are expected to tune into BBC1 to watch the first lottery draw broadcast live just before 8pm during a special light entertainment extravaganza hosted by Noel Edmonds. Gordon Kennedy and Anthea Turner will take over as presenters to spin the numbers in subsequent weeks for a shorter programme to be broadcast from different parts of the country. Camelot will launch an instant scratch card lottery game in the spring and hopes to create a second midweek draw within the next two years.

Absent from today's launch parties will be Richard Branson, the Virgin entrepreneur who failed to win the bid to run the lottery but who is still expected to take part. The millionaire businessman has already promised to donate his prize to charity if he wins.

SIMON WALKER



The National Lottery has been designed as a quick way to wager £1 on the chance of winning £2 million

Playslip holds key to a fortune

PLAYING the lottery is very simple and costs £1 per entry. Anyone aged 16 and over can enter the draw as many times as they want each week.

Entrants must choose six numbers between one and 49 by marking the playslip with a vertical line — NOT a cross or a tick — against each chosen number. Each playslip contains five sets of numbers, allowing separate entries. The same ticket can be entered in up to eight draws.

The retailer will swipe the playslip through a special lottery terminal, which stores the chosen numbers on a central computer and prints a secure barcode on each slip. Players must keep the slip — without it they will not be able to claim a prize.

From day one playslips can be bought at any one of 10,000 newsagents, grocery stores, post offices, petrol stations, and big retailing chains. The list includes W.H. Smith and Menzies, Superdrug, Tesco and Sainsbury, Thresher and Victoria Wine. Participating petrol stations include Esso, Shell, Mobil and Jet.

On a normal weekday it will be possible to buy tickets between 6am and 11pm, depending on shop opening times. On Saturdays, the night of the draw, tickets must be bought by 7.30pm. Main post offices will stay open until 7pm on Saturdays to sell tickets.

Housebound people, servicemen and women stationed overseas and expatriates who have a British address and bank account can take part through a subscription service. Players mark their six chosen numbers on a form and send it to Camelot, the lottery operator, with a cheque for £26 or £52. They will be entered in the draw for 26 or 52 consecutive draws.

Groups of friends can enter jointly but should draw up a written agreement, containing the names and signatures of each member, stating what proportion of winnings each one will receive, and nominating one person to collect the prize. The lottery helpline number is 0645 100 000.

Jackpot odds 14 million to one

THE lottery draw will take place at about 8pm on Saturdays. BBC1 and Radio 1 will announce the winning numbers live and ITV will repeat them shortly afterwards. The numbers will be printed in the Sunday papers and displayed at lottery retailers.

Six numbered balls will be randomly selected from a transparent drum containing 49 balls, all measuring precisely 5cm across and weighing exactly 80 grams.

The jackpot will go to the person who has correctly selected all six numbers in any sequence. If more than one person has the right six numbers, the prize will be shared. If the jackpot is not won, it will be "rolled over" until the following week.

Players selecting five of the correct numbers win £1,500. Those with four numbers get £75 and those with three numbers receive £10. A bonus number, on a seventh ball, has been added. Those who who pick five numbers plus the bonus win £100,000.

Prizes of up to £75 can be collected from any lottery retailer. Some shops will hand out prizes of up to £200 and a few supermarkets can pay out up to £500. Main branches of the Post Office will handle prizes up to £9,999.

To claim any prize of £10,000 and over, entrants must call the National Lottery hotline (0645 100 000). They will be expected to collect their winnings in person from one of 11 regional lottery centres. Jackpot winners can choose to receive no publicity.

The odds of winning the jackpot, which is expected to be at least £2 million each week, are 14 million to one. The chance of matching five correct numbers is one in 55,500. The odds on getting four and three right are 1,000 to one 57 to one respectively. The chance of winning the bonus prize are one in 2.3 million. The chances of winning any of the prizes are one in 54.

☐ Pools jackpots could rise to more than £8 million under new Government rules that come into force today. The Home Office announced the changes last month after lobbying from pools companies about the competition they face from the National Lottery.

Under the new system, operators will be allowed to "roll over" prize money, as long as that week's lottery jackpot is also unclaimed, for up to three weeks. The new rules bring the pools into line with the lottery, where jackpots can also be "rolled over" for a maximum of three weeks.

They could also produce a situation where the rival games are both handing out multi-million pound "rolled over" jackpots in the same week. Under the new system the minimum pools-playing age will be lowered from 18 to 16, again in line with the lottery.

The pools companies now plan to step up their campaign for the right to advertise on television.

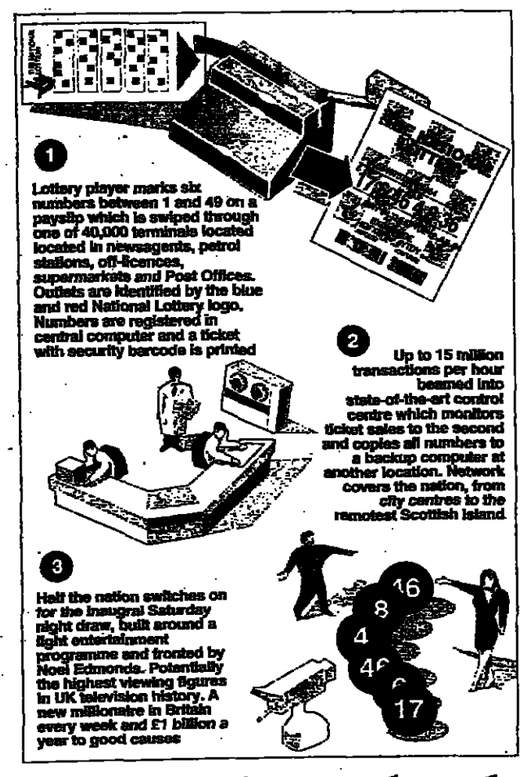
THE GOOD CAUSES

FIVE "good causes" will receive about £9 billion of lottery's estimated £32 billion proceeds over the next seven years. Around 700,000 charities and voluntary organisations will be able to apply to the National Lotteries Charities Board for funding. The Board has not yet found a chief executive and is unlikely to be in a position to distribute lottery proceeds until late next year. It expects 150,000 applications for money a year — about five times more than any other distributing body.

The Sports Council has set up a helpline, 0345 649649, to provide advice to those seeking lottery funds. It estimates that it will distribute £15 million in the first year. The bulk of applications are expected to come from cash-strapped local councils. Early applicants for the Arts Council's lottery board are expected to include the British Museum and English National Opera. The money is supposed to be spent on buildings, not performers.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund's responsibilities include historic buildings, monuments and museum collections. In its 14-year history it has distributed £166 million to these and other causes — roughly what it can expect to receive in 12 months from the lottery.

The Millennium Fund has been set up to pay for "exceptionally distinctive projects" to celebrate the new century. It is now looking for a chief executive, having sacked the man first chosen for the job, Nicholas Hinton, three days before he officially took up the post.



Small shops back a winning line

SHOPKEEPERS can expect to earn an average of £23,000 commission a year from ticket sales, according to the market analysts Verdict.

The extra revenue could throw a much-needed lifeline to many village stores and small corner shops, which make up 55 per cent of the initial network of 10,000 outlets. Small traders are struggling against competition from multiple supermarket chains. In addition to the 5p commission paid to a trader from selling each £1 ticket, general revenue is expected to soar as more people pass through the doors.

A garage in Texas reported a leap in car sales when it began selling lottery tickets. In the Australian state of Victoria, shops selling Tattslotto tickets have seen turnover rise on average by 8 per cent. Retailers typically earn A$1,658 a week in commission (about £39,000 a year).

Other sectors should benefit too. According to the accountancy firm KPMG Peat Marwick, the lottery will increase Britain's annual construction industry income by about 3 per cent, as charities and voluntary organisations use the cash to pay for building projects.

The proportion of small traders among lottery outlets will rise to about 65 per cent when the network peaks at 40,000 retailers towards the end of 1996. More than 35,000 retailers from the Shetland Islands to the Scilly Isles — an average of three per outlet — have undergone intensive training in the run-up to the National Lottery launch. The exercise was one of the biggest seen in Europe.

SIX OF THE BEST

BIRTHDAYS, anniversaries, number-plates ... Everyone has a formula for choosing the six numbers that could win them millions playing the National Lottery. In Australia, a football player used the numbers off two football jerseys and won A$580,000 (about £280,000).

A woman wrote down all the numbers in the draw on a sheet of paper, tore it into bits, and picked six numbers at random. She won A$293,500. One player selected his winning numbers from food cartons. Another decided to use his family's birthdays, but entered one of the dates incorrectly. The "mistake" won him A$205,000. Twenty-eight factory workers used the numbers on their time-clock cards and shared A$318,000.

WORLD SCENE

A SPANISH housewife won the country's biggest Lotto prize at the weekend. Maria Antonia Roldan picked up nearly £12 million in the lottery draw.

Señora Roldan, 46, of the resort town of Calella, north of Barcelona, was enjoying a champagne celebration with family and friends yesterday. She said: "This has all come as a bit of a shock, but it won't change anything. I picked the numbers at random."

Britain's National Lottery is expected to become the biggest in the world, in terms of ticket sales per annum, ahead of Spain, Japan and France, and the state lotteries in New York and Florida.

In Australia's nationwide Tattslotto game, the chosen numbers of regulars on Groote Eylandt, off the northern coast, are sent by microwave to Darwin then flashed by land lines to Melbourne, 3,000 miles away. The numbers are registered, confirmation is flashed back, and a ticket is printed — all in less than a second.

In Texas, about 17 million people spend $30 million (nearly £19 million) a week on two multi-million dollar state-lottery draws. Half of all Texas lottery tickets are bought on Saturday, and 70 per cent of these are bought in the last three hours before the draw.

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Seeds sown for giant forest in coal-scarred Midlands

BY IAN MURRAY

A PLAN to grow a vast national forest in the exhausted coal-mining areas of the Midlands will be unveiled next week. It will involve planting 30 million trees at the rate of 6,000 a day and at a cost of over £50 million.

The plan covers 194 square miles stretching through Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire across a landscape of derelict coaltips and open fields, where trees and hedgerows are a rarity. The aim is to plant a third of the land with woodland and encourage heathland in clearings and meadows, creating a forest environment which will bring prosperity back to the depressed region.

"This area has seen 10,000 mining jobs disappear in a very short space of time and people seemed to have lost their *raison d'être*," Simon Evans, one of the Countryside Commission team who has been drawing up the plan, said. "The forest is giving their lives meaning and hope once again."

Mr Evans knows he will not live to see the forest he is planning but believes that trees are the future. "There is such a buzz about doing this," he said. "You can lose all hope for the future when you look out over a land which has been increasingly derelict over the last 20 years."

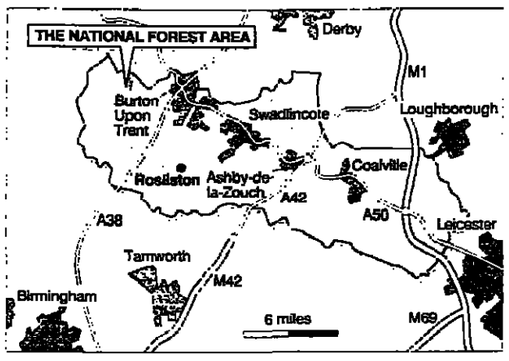
But the area needs a lot of work before it can be regenerated. Industry has polluted much of the soil, which can be turned only into heathland. Farmers have removed many of the old hedgerows that once divided the fields in the better agricultural land in the north.

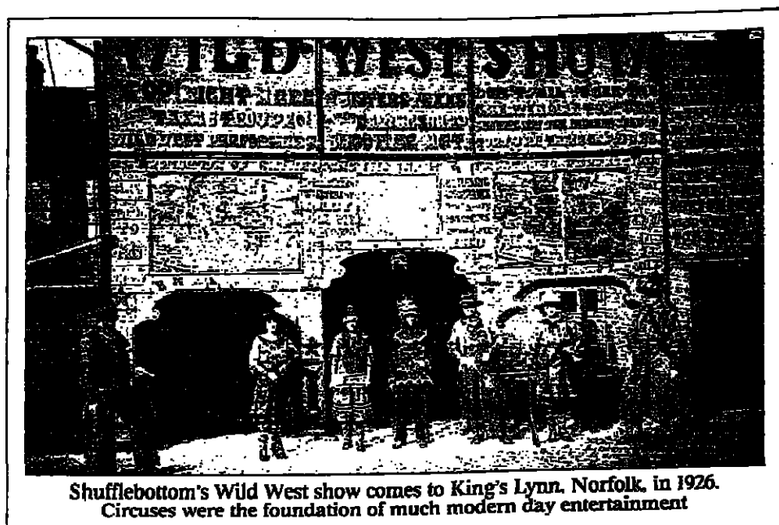
The hope is that jobs will grow with the trees. "Already schools are getting involved, planting and learning about their environment," Mr Evans said. "Their fathers had to work down the mines but they will become the foresters of tomorrow with a healthy outdoor career ahead of them."

There is to be no compulsory purchase of land for the forest so landowners must be convinced that it is worthwhile to plant trees. The Government is trying to persuade Brussels to allow farmers to use unwanted fields for trees rather than force them to rotate set aside land regularly. Next week's announcement will detail the tree-planting grants and incentives available to landowners when the quango to run the forest is established in April. Those who agree to allow public access to woods on their land will obtain higher grants with the aim of creating a network of paths across the forest.

The new woods and meadows are also expected to create habitats for plants, birds, animals and insects, which have been driven away by the heavy industrialisation of the past. Wildlife reserves, angling ponds and woodland paths will contribute to a recreation area within easy reach of 30 million people.

Most of the jobs created will be linked to the leisure industry but the forest plan includes an 8 megawatt power station fuelled by wood cut from willows and poplars. There is also scope for a timber industry, with a few conifer plantations yielding soft wood and high quality hardwood from oaks and cherries thinned out to allow the strongest trees to create a mature forest for future generations.





Shufflebottom's Wild West show comes to King's Lynn, Norfolk, in 1926. Circuses were the foundation of much modern day entertainment



Margaret Shufflebottom, centre, was made up as a Red Indian girl in the show, as seen on this postcard made to advertise the entertainment

A social history of fair tidings

BY PAUL WILKINSON

BRITAIN'S first national archive of fairgrounds and amusements is to be established this week at the University of Sheffield. It contains hundreds of documents, photographs and video-taped interviews recording the history of fairs and those who run them.

"It is a wonderful piece of this country's social history," said Vanessa Toulmin who brought the collection together. "Many of the things which entertain us today began in fairgrounds. It was fairs, for instance, which kept the theatre alive after the repression by Cromwell and boxing as a sport grew out of the travelling boxing booths."

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Office staff in Britain bemoan stressful life

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITISH office workers are the most miserable in Europe, a new survey has shown. More than a third do not feel appreciated at work; confidence in management is low, and only two thirds feel their job is secure. Half claim that stress has increased in the past two years, and more than a third say that, given a choice, they would not pick the same career again.

The survey was carried out by Harris Research for Arise, Associates for Research in the Science of Enjoyment, an international affiliation of scientists and academics who study pleasure and the quality of life. The common feature that links them is a belief that pleasures such as alcohol, chocolate, coffee, tea and tobacco can, in moderation, be beneficial to health.

A total of 5,000 people in 16 countries were interviewed for the survey. The survey suggests that stress may be a big cause of absenteeism. Work is the main cause of stress, with 54 per cent (59 per cent in Britain) citing it as the most important single factor. Other causes were money worries (29 per cent, 32 per cent in Britain) with relationships and health worries coming lower down the scale.

The stress of work leads many people to take time off: one in five admits to absenteeism, rising to 28 per cent in Hong Kong and 27 per cent in America. In Spain, the nation that rates lowest in terms of work-related stress, only one in 20 said that they had taken time off.

Dissatisfaction with work spreads right through the hierarchy, with 26 per cent of senior directors and 21 per cent of managing directors admitting that they would not choose the same line of work if starting again. More men are dissatisfied with their work than women and stress is greatest among people in middle management.

Professor David Warburton of the University of Reading and the founder of Arise, says: "The 90s company is a lean, mean, stressful machine. In many countries around the world, the effects of recession and corporate anorexia seem to be producing significant numbers of overworked, overstressed employees."

To ease the tension, many of the respondents used "products of enjoyment" — 68 per cent taking tea or coffee breaks, 50 per cent using soft drinks, 27 per cent smoking, 27 per cent eating cakes, biscuits or snacks, and 16 per cent opting for ice cream.

Only five per cent admitted going for a drink at lunchtime, although this figure was higher in Britain, at 13 per cent. The best form of relaxation, however, was chatting and joking with colleagues, cited by 81 per cent.

Professor Warburton says people have been browbeaten into thinking that indulgence is sinful, but he sees signs of a "pleasure backlash" against well-meaning health promotions. "Clinical studies show that in moderation, pleasure can relieve stress and increase resistance to disease," he says. "Guilt-free indulgence in your favourite treat, such as a cup of tea or coffee, a glass of beer or wine, a cigarette, a bar of chocolate or other snacks can relieve stress."

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
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The Committee would welcome initial written submissions of views and evidence from representative bodies and individuals.

These will help it to focus its work more accurately on the key issues.

Views and evidence should be sent as soon as possible, and certainly no later than 16 December 1994, to:

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Early responses will be more helpful to the Committee. There will be a further opportunity in the New Year to submit more considered views.

League tables underrate pupils' achievements

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

EXAMINATION league tables to be published by the Government next week will misrepresent three quarters of independent schools, according to the schools' own survey, because of the ministerial ruling that only the GCSE results of pupils aged 15 at the start of the school year be recorded.

One in 20 pupils of those who sat the examination at the 360 schools surveyed in the summer is omitted from the tables. Thousands of older pupils who take GCSE late, for various reasons, often gaining outstanding grades, will never be counted in the tables.

Some of the most famous schools will drop down the tables as a result. Last year, the official leagues had Eton and Winchester, regularly among the top three in the independent schools' national tables, sixth in Berkshire and seventh in Hampshire.

The independent schools' survey, published in *The Times* today, shows that Cheltenham College, Haileybury, Harrow, Malvern Girls, Repton and Stowe will all have their results underestimated by over 12 per cent next week. Beechwood School, Tunbridge Wells, is the worst affected, with official tables expected to show 58.6 per cent of pupils achieving five A-C grades, rather than the 90.9 per cent who reached that mark this year. The difference could move the school 35 places down the league for Kent.

Rugby School, which will have 14 per cent of results unrecorded, was listed as seventh in Warwickshire last year. Graham Hedges, the school's director of communications, said: "Our true position was second in the county last year, and no doubt we will again be drastically misrepresented this time. It defeats the purpose of the league tables."

Head teachers have been trying for three years to persuade the Government to include all candidates, but have won concessions only on those taking GCSEs early. This has caused further confusion, as early takers are counted twice if they move schools, which will produce scores of over 100 per cent in some cases.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, was laughed at when she told the Girls' Schools Association conference in Manchester last week of the introduction of double-counting. She told delegates her department had responded to schools' concerns, but there was a limit to the number of changes that could be made at one time.

The Independent Schools Information Service, which conducted the survey, has sent the results to Mrs Shephard, who has promised to consider further modifications next year. The Society of Headmasters and Headmistresses of Independent Schools, which represents 70 schools, is considering legal action.

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THE BIG LOSERS

The first figure gives the percentage of pupils with five A-C grades at GCSE, as published by the Independent Schools Information Service. The second is the percentage under the Department for Education's rules.

School	Town	ISIS score	DfE score	% diff
Beechwood Sch Sacred Heart	Tunbridge Wells	90.9	58.6	-32.3
Peterborough & St Margaret's	Stanmore	77.8	46.7	-31.1
St Clotilde's School	Lechlade Manor	85.7	60.0	-25.7
St Elphin's School	Matlock	92.9	69.2	-23.6
Royal Wolverhampton School	Wolverhampton	66.7	44.2	-22.5
Mount St Mary's College	Via Sheffield	82.1	61.3	-20.9
Baston School	Bromley	95.7	75.0	-20.7
Adcote School	Shrewsbury	69.2	50.0	-19.2
Thorpe Hall School	Southend-on-Sea	69.0	50.0	-19.0
St Bede's School	Hailsham	73.2	54.6	-18.5

The scores measure the percentage of GCSE candidates with five A-C grades, comparing the school's own total, as published by the Independent Schools Information Service, with the figure produced under the Department for Education's rules



Peter wearing the Dickin Medal

Auction of canine VC recalls a dog's life amid doodlebugs

BY JOHN SHAW

A DICKIN Medal awarded to a dog that saved six people trapped under buildings during doodlebug attacks on London in the Second World War is to be auctioned for about £16,000 next month.

The decoration, known as the VC for animals, will go under the hammer at Buckland, Dix and Wood, a London firm of medal specialists on December 7. News of the sale coincides with last night's BBC *Timewatch* programme on the background to the V1 and V2 doodle bug campaign against London. The decoration is being sold anonymously and without reserve.

The dog, a collie called Peter, was bought as a puppy for "25 bob" in Birmingham in 1941. It fought with other dogs and chewed anything he could find, but that changed when he was "called up" in response to a government appeal in 1944.

Peter showed Archie Knight, its handler, intelligence, ability to learn and a steadfastness under battle conditions at the government's assault course at Staverton Manor, Gloucestershire. The dog passed out and was posted with Mr Knight to the Civil Defence Depot in Chelsea.

Peter was credited with "six definites and scores of probables" in locating casualties. Probables were an official euphemism for fatalities.

Peter could be fooled. After detecting life in one bombed building, rescuers dug towards the sound of strong curses only to find that their target was a large and highly irritable parrot. But on another occasion Peter worked for 11 hours to help to rescue three people who had been buried alive. After one of the last rocket attacks of the war, the dog saved the life of a small boy. Peter was no canine automaton, however. With another dog, it sat down and refused to work at one rescue site until handlers realised that the blitz had prevented delivery of the dogs' meat ration.

Peter was invested with the Dickin Medal in November 45 and also awarded a special badge from The Tail Waggers' Club. The dog died in Nottingham in 1952 and was buried in the Pets' Cemetery, Ilford, Essex.

The medal was issued 53 times from 1942-49. Most of the recipients were pigeons but it also went to three horses and Simon, the cat on board on *HMS Amethyst*.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's double

Kasparov was the only player to score two clear wins in the quarter-finals of the Intel Grand Prix in Paris.

His opponent was the Icelandic grandmaster Johann Hjartarson who has himself earlier eliminated Michael Adams of England.

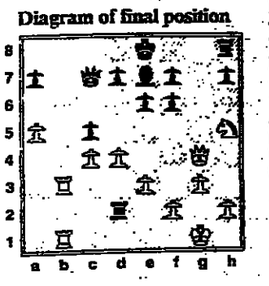
Matthew Sadler, from Chatham, Kent went out to the Moscow speed chess expert Alexei Vyzmanavin.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Johann Hjartarson
Intel Grand Prix, Paris, 1994

Polish Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	g3	b5
4	Bg2	Bb7
5	Bg5	c5
6	c3	Qb6
7	Bxf6	gxf6
8	0-0	Na6
9	a4	b4
10	a5	Qc7
11	e3	Rb8
12	Nh4	Bxg2
13	Nxg2	Qc6
14	Nf4	Nc7
15	Nd2	bxc3
16	bxc3	Bd6
17	Nh5	Be7
18	Qg4	Nd5
19	c4	Nc3
20	Rfc1	Rb2
21	Rxc3	Rxd2
22	Rb3	Qc7
23	Rab1	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White: Johann Hjartarson
Black: Garry Kasparov
Intel Grand Prix, Paris, 1994

King's Indian Defence

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	d4	0-0
6	h3	Na6
7	Bg5	c6
8	Be2	e5
9	d5	h6
10	Be3	cxd5
11	cxd5	Nh5
12	Nd2	Nf4
13	Bf1	Nc5
14	Nb3	b6
15	g3	Nh5
16	Qd2	Kh7
17	Be2	Nf6
18	Nxc5	bxc5
19	g4	Rb8
20	f3	Bd7
21	h4	b5
22	Bg5	Qa5
23	Rg1	Rb4
24	Bxf6	Bxf6
25	gxh5	Bxh4+
26	Kf1	Bh3+
27	Rg2	gxh5
28	Kg1	Bxg2
29	Kxg2	Rg8+
30	Kh1	Bg5
31	f4	Bxf4
32	Qc2	Qd8

White resigns

Paris v London

After three rounds of the match between teams from London and Paris concurrent with the Intel Grand Prix, the Paris side has established a lead of 15.5 points to 11.5.

Karpov ahead

Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, leads by 2-1 in his six-game match against the top French grandmaster Joel Lautier in Ubeda, Spain. Karpov has drawn when playing black in games one and three and won with the white pieces in game two.

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Converted restaurant would cruise along river and take 22,000 flights a year

Judge to decide fate of proposed floating heliport in Thames

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

A HIGH Court judge will decide this week whether to allow an "aircraft carrier" capable of handling 22,000 helicopter flights a year to cruise up and down the Thames in central London.

The proposal is being strongly resisted by local authorities and by environmental groups who claim that the company behind the proposal, Thames Heliport, is exploiting a loophole in the planning laws. The company argues that normal planning consents do not apply because the 1,000-tonne vessel would be floating and mobile.

If deputy Judge Sir Haydn Tudor Evans decides the company is right the way would be clear for similar schemes on lakes, rivers and coastal waters throughout the country.

Under the plan, the 150ft-long carrier, a converted floating restaurant, would operate from 22 sites on the river between Battersea and the Thames Barrier at Woolwich. It would never be moored alongside the bank while in operation. The craft would be moved and held steady by two big underwater jets that would control the position accurate to within four metres.

Grahame Harding, of Thames Heliport, said the floating heliport was essential if London was to maintain its edge as a leading world capital. He has already received approval from the Port of London Authority and from the Civil Aviation Authority.

"At present, City firms allow up to three hours for their executives to get to Heathrow, which is a tremendous waste of time and talent. There is a huge demand for a service of this kind and although we maintain planning consent is not necessary, we are anxious to work with the councils and offer them legal agreements to minimise any inconvenience."

Each site, he said, would be used for no more than 42 take-offs and landings a month and once a site had been used for six consecutive operations a day the carrier would move to another location.

Emma Joy, of Riverside Communities for the Environment, said: "It is not acceptable that a proposal which threatens the quality of life of Londoners be given carte blanche to exploit London's greatest asset, the River Thames." The groups claim that apart from being noisy and disruptive, helicopters have a poor safety record.

Tower Hamlets council, one of the authorities opposing the plan, says that the "aircraft carrier" should be subject to the same laws as would apply to a land-based heliport.

JAMES MORGAN



Grahame Harding, who says his company's floating heliport will improve transport links in London

Eurostar begins to earn its keep

By Tim Jones

EIGHTEEN months later than planned and after some high-profile publicity debacles, Eurostar, the £24 million train, starts regular runs today when more than 700 paying passengers leave Waterloo hoping to be in Paris in three hours.

Two hours later, passengers who have paid fares ranging from £195 for a first class return to £95 for a standard return booked 14 days in advance will depart for Brussels, a journey that takes just 15 more minutes.

Since it announced the start of its commercial "discovery" service, European Passenger Services, the operating company, has sold £3 million of tickets to more than 20,000 passengers.

Most of the bookings have been taken up by British travellers. An EPS spokesman said there were still seats available on the Brussels service because the limited timetable — two departures a day — was not attractive to business travellers.

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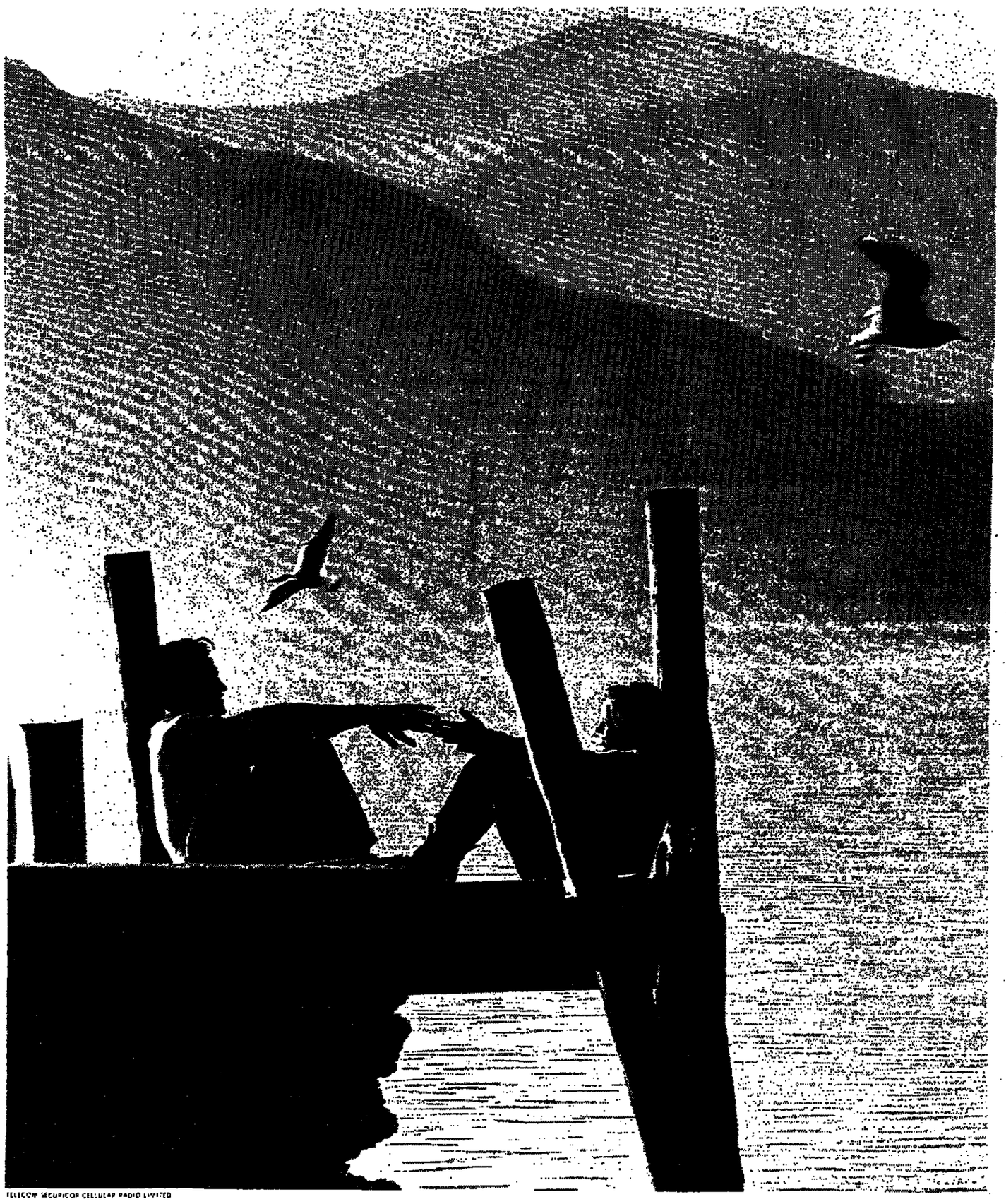
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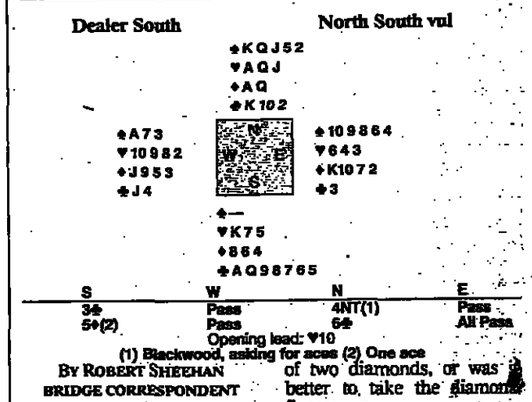


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5♦(2)	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥10

(1) Blackwood, asking for aces (2) One ace

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

This hand was played by Helen Schapiro's team in the recent MacCallan whisky Clubs Team Championships at the Roehampton Club. The event was won by a team from TGR's Bridge Club, captained by Unal Dourmus.

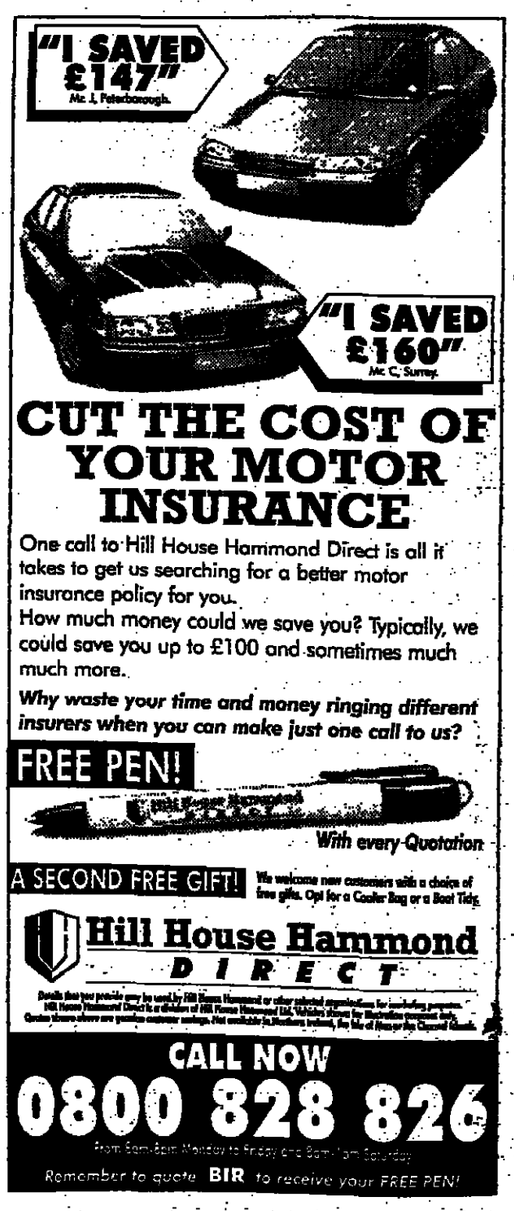
The main point of interest in the bidding was North's decision over Five Diamonds. It would have been better to bid 6NT, to protect the ace-queens in both red suits. If South had had the same hand with a singleton spade and one diamond fewer, a diamond lead would have beaten Six Clubs, with 6NT by North cold.

As it was, the play problem in Six Clubs was how to make an overtrick. I was asked if it was better to take a ruffing finesse in spades to get rid of two diamonds, or was it better to take the diamond finesse.

There is a psychological point here as well as a technical point. If the declarer wins the ace of hearts and leads the king of spades from dummy at trick two, she will know *know* who has the ace of spades. East cannot possibly afford to duck if he has it — he cannot see South's void.

So when East plays low South can ruff, draw two rounds of trumps ending in dummy, and ruff another spade. A heart to dummy and a third spade ruff brings down West's Ace, and the two established spades make thirteen tricks.

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Thugs armed with shotgun and knives makes thousands of pounds in illegal bets

Police track gangs that kill hares for profit

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are hunting armed gangs that are taking tens of thousands of pounds in betting stakes at illegal hare coursing races across the country. Seven police forces from Wiltshire to Suffolk have mounted operations against the gangs, which hire "minders" to guard the contests. A police car has been rammed and a gamekeeper's car windscreen smashed by a shotgun blast in confrontations. The gangs are also armed with catapults loaded with ball-bearings, knives and clubs.

The meetings, most commonly in the Home Counties and East Anglia, can attract more than 60 racegoers, who bet on which dog will kill the hare. An unofficial network links dog owners with gamblers and organisers. Gangs stopped by police have included known criminals from south London and groups who have driven from as far afield as County Durham or Kent.

The coursers gather at transport cafés close to motorways or main roads before driving across likely countryside. Once they spot hares they set up the contests, using greyhounds or lurchers.

Police believe illegal coursing is on the increase because of a rise in the hare population as a result of the European Union's set-aside agricultural policy. Essex Police have run Operation Tortoise for three years. PC Barry Wright, one of the officers involved, said 60 to 80 incidents were recorded each season. "The problem is violence. If you had a large back garden with people walking willy-nilly across it you would not like it. They are disrupting shooting and many detained are known to us from previous convictions. We have had child molesters, burglars and drug dealers. We have found people wanted on warrant."

The largest group he has arrested included 19 coursers. "They had parked up and gone into the fog. We followed their tracks and waited for them to come back. There were only two of us," he said. Richard Clarke, a keeper near Newmarket, was recognised by coursers in Newmarket High Street and attacked. He has also received threats that his legs would be broken and ammonia sprayed in his dogs' eyes. He believes police should have powers to seize cars and coursing dogs.

Later this month a national police conference of officers specialising in rural crime is to discuss the rise of the illegal sport.

Some officers believe new trespass powers in the Criminal Justice Act could be used against the coursers. At the moment police rely on disruption, 19th-century game laws or other offences discovered after arrest, such as bald tyres.



A dog pounces for the kill, jaws at the ready

JULIAN HERBERT



A member of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt intervenes as saboteurs try to draw the hounds away from the fox's trail at the weekend

Hunt saboteurs see protests as class war

BY BILL FROST

UNDETERRED by high winds, torrential rain or the threat of arrest, hunt saboteurs extended their campaign against the sport and the Criminal Justice Act over the weekend.

As elsewhere across the country, a raggle taggle group of about 15 gathered in Sudbury, Suffolk, early on Saturday morning to decide on target and tactics. With three local hunts meeting, the Suffolk "sabs", as they like to be known, were spoilt for choice.

Jenny, the group's leader, made her decision: "Right, it's the Essex and Suffolk." On the winding lanes between Sudbury and Bures, the village where the meet was taking place, the group's red Ford Transit van swayed dangerously on each bend. A CB radio operator aboard made contact with reinforcements already en route to the rural battlefield.

Jenny broke off her final briefing to explain that the sabs were no longer just fighting against hunting. They were engaged in a political struggle too. "Our main aim of course is to stop foxhunting altogether. But there is an equally important issue at stake now as well: the Criminal Justice Act is a threat to everyone's liberty."

Before the legislation came on the statute book at the beginning of this month, trespass on a farmer's land to disrupt the hunt was a civil matter. Now it has become a criminal offence punishable with up to three months in jail.

Leon, who said he was an executive with an international communications corporation, became heated when asked how farmers would deal with marauding foxes if hunting were outlawed. "They are not vermin. This is not about keeping foxes from the chicken coop at all. It is a class thing, them and us.

"If foxes were pests, why not choose the most efficient way of eradicating the problem: shoot or poison them instead of dressing up in red coats, jodhpurs and high boots and riding to hounds. You don't see the men from Rentokil kitted out that way," he said.

The hunt had been sighted on a misty rise and the hounds could be heard faintly calling. The van lurched to a halt and moments later the Sudbury sabs met the second group. A lone WPC was on her car radio, presumably asking for reinforcements as, with military precision, the sabs fanned out across the field, donning balaclavas as they went.

The group, most of them fresh-faced students, took on a more sinister appearance. They surrounded hunt members waiting by a cover and began luring the hounds from the wood. Several sabs had brought powerful "ghetto blasters" to play recordings of hounds in full cry. Others carried spray containers filled, they said, with a scent to draw away the hounds. A supporter of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt said the cans held ammonia.

By now the hunt had been seriously disrupted and there was little or no chance of a kill. The sabs surrounded three hunt members to stop them following the hounds lured away from the fox on a false scent. Plainly incensed, the farmer arrived and ordered them off his land.

Grudgingly, the sabs returned to a public right of way that went through the farm but as soon as he disappeared hostilities with the hunt resumed.

Jenny was pleased with her group's performance. "Hunting is on its way out. Two, maybe three more seasons and that will be that. We have the support and the commitment to carry out operations like this all over the country until that happens."

As dusk fell the sabs returned to their vans to find three of their tyres had been slashed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four hurt in pub shooting

A man was critically ill last night and three others were in hospital with gun and knife wounds after an argument in a public house in southeast London.

A handgun, a shotgun and a knife were used in the attacks. The Lilliput Hall pub in Bermondsey, which has a late licence, was crowded early yesterday when several shots were fired. Police have appealed for information.

Gangs clash

Rival coach parties from Leicester and Hertfordshire armed with CS gas fought a running battle with police through Stratford-upon-Avon town centre after pub closing time on Saturday. Police made at least seven arrests.

Into the light

Coal mining equipment from the 17th century has gone on display at a museum in Salford, Greater Manchester, after being rediscovered in the remains of old workings at a land reclamation scheme in St Helens, Merseyside.

Lovelorn llama

A llama escaped from a circus in Shropshire after he was rejected by his mate. The owners of Jolly's Circus think that Aztec may have joined a flock of sheep after bolting from his pen at Edgton, near Craven Arms.

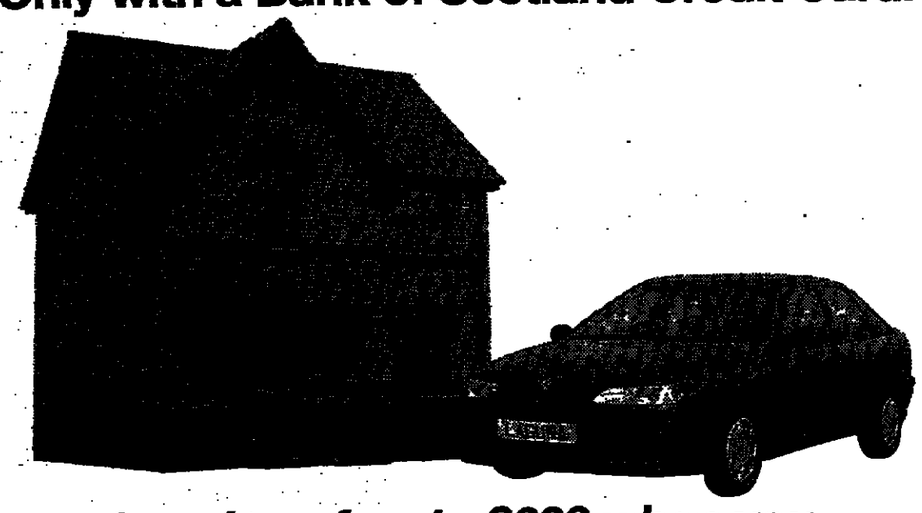
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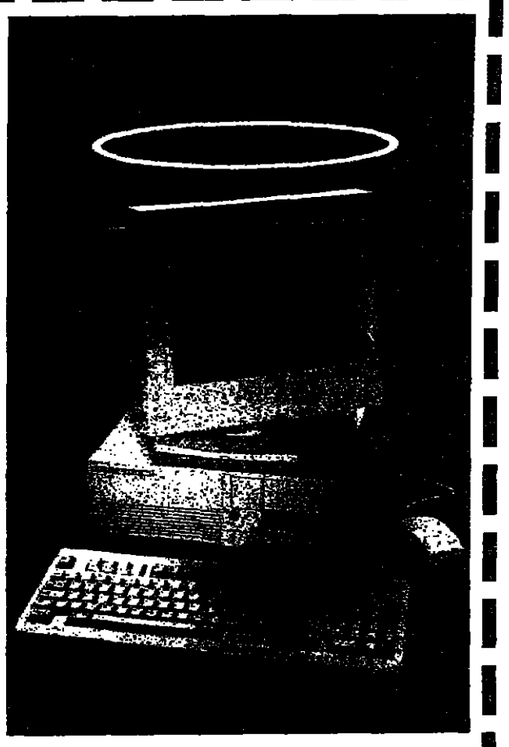
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'We live like in hell here — the whole of East Timor is just a jail'



Suharto: has turned East Timor into tropical gulag

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN JAKARTA

DOMINGOS Sarmiento Alvez was one of 29 East Timorese protesters who scaled the steel fence round the United States Embassy in Jakarta on Saturday night and remained there yesterday, demanding justice for the people of the former Portuguese colony.

He shouted through the embassy railings to reporters: "We live like in hell in East Timor. The whole of East Timor is just a jail."

Protesters' rhetoric is often inflated, but not this time. East Timor has the look and feel of a rundown tropical gulag. Hundreds of demonstrators clashed yesterday with President Suharto's security forces in Dili, the tiny East Timorese capital 1,200 miles east of Jakarta. The riots were in defiance of heavy-handed Indonesian methods of rule by fear and coercion.

East Timor was invaded by Indonesia in 1975 and annexed the next year. "Arbitrary arrests and torture of suspected government critics have been routine in Indonesia and East Timor for years," Amnesty International said in a report in September. "There has been a dramatic escalation in this kind of harassment and intimidation."

As one of the few Western correspondents to visit East Timor recently, I can testify to the sense of fear among the mainly Christian population. In every street in Dili there is an army post with a dozen troops to keep an eye on security in the vicinity. People look round fearfully before they speak. A handful of students who staged a demonstration were jailed for 22 months; in the past, they would have been tortured and probably killed.

There are vivid memories of the massacre at the Santa Cruz cemetery three years ago, in which between 150 and 200 people were killed when Indonesian troops opened fire on a peaceful demonstration, then hunted down the survivors.

José Ramos Horta, who represents the unified East Timorese freedom movement abroad — the internal wing, whose leader, Xanana Gusmão, is in a Jakarta jail serving a 20-year term, is still conducting a low-level insurgency — says he wants self-determination for the Timorese, a withdrawal of Indonesian troops to be supervised by the United Nations, and the release of political prisoners.

For its part, Indonesia says that the Timorese chose integration (presumably this a reference to the fact the Timorese once voted in local elections) and that the rebels represent the views of a small minority of its population. A total of 200,000 East Timorese, a third of the population, have died since the Indonesian invasion, most in the late 1970s.

The United Nations has never accepted the Indonesian takeover and still regards Portugal, the former colonial power, as the administering agent, although it abandoned the territory a year after the 1974 Lisbon coup.

The most powerful of the original East Timorese liberation movements, Fretilin, had a strong left-wing tilt. It is still widely believed here that the former American President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger gave the nod for the invasion in 1975. "Vietnam had just fallen to the Communists, and Washington was worried about a domino effect," a diplomat in Jakarta said.

Fretilin itself did not help matters in 1975 with its left-wing rhetoric and its attacks on other liberation groups. There was a bloody struggle for power, giving some justification, in Jakarta's eyes, for the invasion "to restore order". But now the Timorese exile groups are more or less united, East Timor is on the international agenda, and Indonesia's record of human rights abuses is hampering its efforts to improve its international reputation.

Concern grows over proposed £6bn arms deal with Indonesia

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A BATTLE between Britain and France for an arms deal with Indonesia that could be worth up to £6.1 billion is at the centre of new aid-for-arms allegations.

The Foreign Office has rejected any connection between weapons contracts and packages to the government of President Suharto, but the latest reports of potential new deals have brought allegations of linkage.

There are also concerns over Britain's policy of selling arms to a country accused of attacking the people of East Timor. Government ministers and officials have pointed out that there has been no evidence that British military equipment, principally Hawk jet trainers supplied by British Aerospace (BAe), has ever been used by Jakarta for internal repression.

However, Britain is only competing with France for new lucrative defence contracts because the other principal rival, America, has refused to sell aircraft and other equipment to Indonesia because of its human rights record. Jakarta wanted to buy 12 Flôs about a year ago, but Congress banned the sale.

The Foreign Office confirmed yesterday that in April last year Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, signed a concessional loan worth £65 million to Indonesia. Overseas Development Administration officials said the money was to help to complete a new power station at Samarinda. Last year it was also announced that BAe was to supply Indonesia with 24 Hawk trainers for about £500 million. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We give aid and we sell arms, but there's no connection between the two."

Having fallen foul of this balancing act between arms and aid over the Malaysian Pergau dam, and with the Scott inquiry delving into the philosophy behind Whitehall's arms sale practices in relation to Iraq, the Government would be expected to be wary of putting a foot wrong over any country with questionable reputations.

Last week the World Development Movement won a court case in which Mr Hurd was accused of using overseas aid to Malaysia for the Pergau dam, even though it was recognised to be economically unsound, to guarantee an arms deal.

There are also allegations that the sale of 80 British-made Vickers tanks was negotiated with Nigeria in 1990 when aid to the Lagos government rose from £6.3 million in 1988-89 to £67.7 million in 1989-90.

In the latest case, BAe confirmed that Indonesia was in the market for more Hawk trainers. Last month Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, the Chief of the Defence Staff, visited Jakarta when it emerged that Britain was in the market for selling up to 140 Scorpion light tanks to the Indonesian army. General Feisal Tanjung, commander-in-chief of the Indonesian armed forces, has admitted that further arms purchases from Britain are possible.

According to Paul Beaver, editor of *Jane's Sentinel*, which monitors arms sales in South-East Asia, Indonesia needs 144 Hawks to equip six training squadrons, as well as 140 light reconnaissance Scorpions, shipborne helicopters, anti-tank missiles, ballistic missiles and advanced Rapier 2000 anti-aircraft missiles.

Although France could supply the equivalent weaponry, industrial sources say that Britain is likely to win the big contracts.

ODA officials admit that aid to Indonesia has increased in recent years but dispute any suggestion of a link to arms sales. Aid has risen from £9.6 million in 1989-90 to £33 million in 1992-93.



Sir Peter Inge: Jakarta visit after deals mooted



Riot police charging protesters in Dili, the East Timor capital, yesterday. The rioters denounced Indonesian rule, burnt cars and looted shops

MPs plan attack on Hurd over aid

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will face a concerted assault this week over allegations that Britain's overseas aid budget is targeted at countries buying British defence equipment.

Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders are gearing up for a fierce Commons debate on alleged aid-for-arms deals after new revelations surrounding defence contracts with Nigeria and Indonesia. Mr Hurd, accused by the High Court last week of acting unlawfully in granting aid for the Pergau dam in Malaysia, will be pressed to explain in detail Britain's arrangements for distributing overseas aid.

Opposition MPs yesterday accused the Government of overlooking some of the poorest countries but distributing aid to wealthier nations. Labour seized on reports that Indonesia, one of the main beneficiaries of British aid, is planning a £2 billion contract with Britain to buy warplanes, tanks and missiles.

Robin Cook, Labour's shadow Foreign Secretary, will lead the charge during a Commons foreign affairs debate on Thursday. Mr Cook said yesterday there was a disturbing pattern of big rises in aid to countries after they had placed big arms orders.

Menzies Campbell, Liberal Democrat foreign affairs and defence spokesman, said: "Far too many of these matters are decided behind closed doors with no proper parliamentary scrutiny or accountability."

Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman who led demands for an inquiry into Pergau, said: "The record of arms sales to Indonesia is quite indefensible." He pointed out that half of Britain's European partners had banned weapons sales to Indonesia because of its human rights record.

Bitter past marks 'haunted' palace

BY JAMES PRINGLE

LOCAL people in Bogor, an Indonesian hill resort which is hosting tomorrow's meeting of Asia-Pacific leaders, believe there is a jinx on Bogor Palace, venue of the summit.

They claim that even President Suharto, 73, who like most Javanese is deeply superstitious, tries to steer clear of the official presidential summer palace, once the home of the predecessor he ousted, President Sukarno.

Among those attending the summit will be Jiang Zemin, the Chinese President, and President Clinton, who is keen to develop America's trade links with Asia.

"Every time some important meeting is scheduled for the Bogor Palace, something seems to go wrong, such as violent rainstorms or trees mysteriously falling and narrowly missing people," one Indonesian government official said. "The palace seems to give President Suharto the creeps, because he never spends the night here and has built another home in Bogor for his own use."

Bogor Palace, originally the Dutch Governor-General's residence, was built 38 miles south of Batavia — now Jakarta, the Indonesian capital — to benefit from the cooler air in the hills. The Dutch named it Buitenzorg — "Without A Care" — and it was once home to Sir Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore. White-spotted deer, imported by the Dutch for ready venison, yesterday roamed the park round the palace, a white-painted building in Greek style. Workers were putting finishing touches to a renovation job.

It was here on March 11, 1966, that Sukarno, who led Indonesia to independence from The Netherlands, was told by General Suharto that he was taking over from him. Sukarno, who had apparently been involved in a coup attempt by the Indonesian Communist Party in 1965 that led to the slaughter of about 500,000 alleged communist sympathisers, later died a broken man.

"Maybe Suharto feels the palace is unlucky, that it was here that Sukarno finally lost power, and he fears the same might happen to him," said a local resident.

Clinton pledges American role in Asia and Pacific

BY ABBY TAN IN MANILA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Clinton, in a visit to the Philippines to reinforce ties with America's former colony, yesterday pledged that Washington will remain engaged in the Asia-Pacific region.

Mr Clinton indicated that his foreign policy would be unaffected by the rout of Democrats in American mid-term elections which saw the Republicans win control of both houses of Congress.

"The US will and must remain engaged in the Pacific for security reasons and for economic reasons," he said at a joint press conference with President Ramos.

President Clinton later left for the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum (Apec). Asked how his election defeat would affect his position at the talks, Mr Clinton said that he had spoken to Republican leaders before he left Washington "and they support this mission".

Earlier, at the American Memorial Cemetery in Manila to honour Filipino and American war dead, Mr Clinton said America will make the most of partnerships, "but if threats arrive we will confront this as well."



Amelita Ramos: played the piano for Clinton

The President held talks with Mr Ramos after lunch at the presidential palace at which he played "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "Summertime" on a saxophone. Amelita Ramos, the Filipino First Lady, then played some boogie on a piano.

At the Malacanang Palace, Mr Clinton met a former classmate, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, a Filipino senator, who had been in an aircraft accident the previous day. Mrs Macapagal-Arroyo, the daughter of a former Philippines President, was shaken but unhurt when the helicopter she was in crash-landed at Manila airport on Saturday. Two people were slightly injured.

The President and the senator were classmates at Georgetown University, Washington DC, from 1964 to 1966.

Mr Clinton, accompanied by his wife Hillary, was the first American President to visit the Philipines in nearly 20 years, in a largely symbolic trip to build a more mature relationship after the closure of US military bases in the country in 1982.

An extradition treaty was signed and Mr Clinton pledged to help solve outstanding claims of Filipino war veterans who fought with American forces in the Second World War. The President repeatedly praised Filipino heroism in the war and said the country had started a wave of democracy that had swept Asia, Europe and South America.

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Cricketers take on Shanghai

FROM ANDREW BROWNE IN SHANGHAI

ALMOST 50 years since cricket was last played here, and a century after a touring Hong Kong squad perished in a typhoon on the voyage home, the crack of leather on willow was heard again in Shanghai this weekend.

Craigengower Cricket Club, a Hong Kong side celebrating its centenary this year, took on a Shanghai team captained by Old Etonian Richard Graham. The two-day series was played on a matted wicket supplied by Craigengower and laid out on a football pitch borrowed from the Shanghai Sports Institute.

The first ball of the first over of the first innings in Shanghai since 1948 was bowled by Terry "Smudge" Smith, president of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

"I've always played cricket everywhere I've been," explained Mr Graham. "This has been absolutely marvellous fun."

For Craigengower Cricket Club, the tour had a serious intention: Kevin Styles and his squad are trying to make the game more popular in China. *(Reuter)*

Patten makes plain he will stay until 1997

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, has made plain that it is a matter of honour for the British Government to keep him in charge of the colony until the handover of power to China in 1997.

Speaking at the weekend, Mr Patten contradicted the rumours that the Prime Minister intends to replace him with a Lord Mountbatten-like figure, who will not offend Peking, and bring him back to London to bolster Tory fortunes. The Governor said that "there are important issues involving both honesty and honour, mine and the Government's, and I think it is important to remember that".

Nonetheless, some of Mr Patten's friends here say it is just a matter of time before he is withdrawn. Almost from his arrival in late 1992, local officials and business leaders assumed that Mr Patten had been made Governor to console him for his election loss in Bath, and that the Prime Minister would find a way of bringing him back into British politics as quickly as possible.

Mr Patten could not now, without deep shame, return before what he calls "that famous midnight on June 30, 1997", especially after his ringing phrase two days ago: "I cannot conceive ... of any circumstances in which I will not be continuing in the job until the last trump."

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Warplanes' sting drawn

Warplanes of the former Soviet Union's fleet of strategic bombers being lined up for destruction at a Russian demolition site. Although the aircraft belong to Belorussia, they are being decommissioned in the city of Saratov on the Volga under a provision of the Start I disarmament treaty. Belorussia, as well as Ukraine and Kazakhstan, is supposed to renounce nuclear arms, join the Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear state and transfer all its nuclear weapons to Russia for dismantling.

Bosnia slides back to war as Western allies argue

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

BOSNIA slid nearer a renewed all-out war yesterday as the international community thrashed around for ways to bridge their gaping differences over the conflict.

The United Nations Security Council met to discuss a Bosnian government plea for help in the Bihac region and European defence and foreign ministers prepared for a meeting today to decide how to deal with America's decision to cease monitoring the arms embargo against the Muslims.

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, arrived in London for talks with Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, two days after Washington's embargo decision plunged US relations with Europe and Russia into crisis. Mr Silajdzic's government has become increasingly critical of Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the British commander of UN troops in Bosnia.

Mr Rifkind and Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and other European foreign and defence ministers will hold a meeting of the Western European Union (WEU) in Noordwijk in The Netherlands today, ostensibly to lay the foundations of a common European security structure for the post-Cold War era. The meeting almost certainly will be overshadowed by differences with Washington over the Balkans. The WEU, the fledgeling defence arm of the European Union, shares command with Nato of Operation Sharp Guard, which polices the United Nations embargo against the former Yugoslavia in the Adriatic.

Sarajevo: Serbian shells yesterday hit Sarajevo's Holiday Inn hotel, which houses foreign correspondents and the US Embassy (Joel Brand writes). The blasts rocked the *Times* office, and a British UN firefighter was slightly hurt by Serb gunfire.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, battles continued yesterday in the far northwest of Bihac, while the UN confirmed heavy fighting in the southwest, where government troops are trying to push Serb forces back from the main road between the Adriatic and Sarajevo. Bosnian radio also reported gains by government troops east of Mostar and south of Konic, saying more than 100 Serb troops were killed.

UN political and military officials now face a quandary over when and how to halt Serb troops bearing down on Bihac, which the Security Council has declared a "safe area".

A senior UN officer said yesterday that the Serb army had retaken at least 40 of the estimated 100 square miles captured by units of the mainly Muslim Bosnian army in an offensive begun two weeks ago. Serb troops are rapidly rolling back the gains of government forces and it is possible, as in Gorazde last April, that the area's defences could collapse.

If the Serbs rout the Bosnian army in the enclave, Bihac and its 180,000 residents could become one of the most serious humanitarian crises of the war. Several other besieged Muslim enclaves have been overrun by Serb forces in the past two years, but never one as large as Bihac.

Although peacekeeping officials maintain that any attack on Bihac and its "surroundings" is an attack on a "safe area" that will be responded to, possibly with force, several such strikes have been made in the past without the United Nations taking action.

The proximity of the Croatian border put the UN command and Nato officers in an even more delicate and tricky environment than they faced in April's Serb strike on the Gorazde "safe area" in which hundreds of residents were killed and wounded before two air strikes and a Nato threat of wider bombing brought the Serb advance to a halt. Peacekeepers in Bihac have no mandate even to defend themselves against fire from Serbs across the nearby border in Croatia.

France has said that America's decision to stop enforcing the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims might force it to withdraw its peacekeeping troops from the region.

US fury over new history guidelines

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE publication of a new set of standards for teaching history in American schools has provoked fury from critics who argue that the guidelines are too "politically correct".

The standards, published last Friday and financed by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the US Department of Education, promote "multicultural history" at the expense of the Western tradition of history, opponents said.

India's Mauryan Empire, for example, is given equal importance to the Greek and Roman civilisations; Harriet Tubman, the slave emancipator, is cited six times but Robert E. Lee, the Civil War general, is not mentioned; little qualitative distinction is made between the study of "gender roles" under the Gupta Empire and the Magna Carta.

Historians, teachers and education boards have spent two years codifying the standards. They "represent a commitment to globe-encompassing history, not just the history of Western civilisation," Ross Dunn, the co-ordinating editor of the project, said.

But Lynne Cheney, head of the humanities endowment during the Bush Administration when the study was commissioned, blasted the result as too "politically correct", claiming that it emphasises obscure history at the expense of political events directly relevant to Western life.

Certainly the study is not immune to some of the more



Shakespeare: deemed politically correct

bizarre jargon of academic multiculturalists. Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, for example, is deemed fit for study partly because it reveals "the prevailing attitude towards cross-cultural contacts with new people".

Experts battle to save Luxor tombs

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

EXPERTS are battling to save the tombs in the Valley of the Kings at Luxor from the ravages of this month's floods, the worst in Egypt this century. They have devastated large areas in the south, causing at least 730 deaths.

The disaster began shortly before the 77th anniversary of Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, which had lain untouched for almost 3,300 years. The tomb was filled with water in the storms that started lashing Upper Egypt earlier this month.

Workers have been suctioning out the water flooding the tombs of Tutankhamun and Seti I and the paintings have been cleaned. "We were given a scare, but damage was minimal," said Nimat Ismail, of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, which has drawn up a report on the extent of the damage and the cost of restoration.

Some Egyptologists have questioned what have been described as "the quick and easy methods" used to control the floods that threaten efforts to revive Egypt's tourist industry, already suffering from attacks by Islamic militants.

"Suctioning is not the proper way to deal with tombs," Ibrahim Nawawi, a former deputy minister for the antiquities organisation, told the *Middle East Times* yesterday. He claimed that relief engravings and paintings could be damaged by such rapid draining, adding that the full impact of the disaster could not be assessed for some time.

Other experts said that if the tombs were relatively unscathed, the credit should go to the engineers who constructed them. They took the possibility of rain and flooding into consideration and fitted drainage systems.

Red tape and a lack of resources have made it difficult to keep up maintenance. "We are pushing ourselves to do justice to our forefathers," Muhammad Ibrahim Bakr, a former president of the state-run antiquities organisation, said.

The possibility of serious damage to temples and tombs has been increased because they are all carved from limestone. Critics claimed that no flood warning systems had been installed, nor was there equipment to measure humidity levels or rock movement.

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Royal visit to Argentina revives fears in Falklands

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE Duke of York begins a sensitive five-day visit to Argentina tomorrow, with the government of President Menem renewing its claim to the Falkland Islands and veterans of the 1982 campaign declaring him persona non grata.

The visit, the first official one by a member of the royal family since the Falklands campaign, is being viewed with suspicion by many islanders. They fear that the closer ties between London and Buenos Aires will lead to a deal on sovereignty, despite strenuous denials by Britain.

The Duke of York, who flew Sea King helicopters during the Falklands conflict, was sarcastically dubbed "the little prince" and vilified in Argentina during the fighting. During his visit the Duke will go to the Puerto Belgrano navy base, where Argentine fighters are marked with the silhouettes of the Royal Navy ships they sank during the conflict.

Nearly 1,000 British and Argentine servicemen died in the ten-week South Atlantic campaign, and the government of President Menem renewed its claim to the Falklands at the weekend. Dr Eduardo Menem, the President's brother and de facto second-in-command, said that relations between Britain and Argentina had improved since the two nations resumed full diplomatic ties in 1990. "But good relations do not mean Argentina will give up its claim," he said.



Duke of York: flew helicopters in conflict

Dr Menem visited Britain at the begining of the month and was present when the Duke of Edinburgh unveiled a statue outside the Argentine Embassy to General San Martin, the Argentine 19th-century independence hero. "Our two peoples cannot forget those events, but they can get over them," Dr Menem said in Buenos Aires on Saturday. He also pointed out the participation of British companies in the Argentine privatisation process and referred to discreet talks about the possibility of a British-Argentine venture to exploit oil and gas reserves in the islands.

Many islanders view the closer ties with dismay, particularly after President Menem was reported to have offered £1 million to each of them in exchange for sovereignty. Dr Menem said that the reports of the £1 million offer were inflated. "In the Senate there is no knowledge about a proposal, any official proposal," he said.

The Duke of York, who will meet President Menem during his stay, will unveil a statue of George Canning, the British Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister, who supported independence movements in 19th-century Latin America.

Buckingham Palace said the purpose of the visit was "to promote reconciliation ... and to reinforce improving relations between the United Kingdom and Argentina".



Clark Merriman, a wildlife officer armed with a tranquilliser pole, faces a moose after it wandered into a suburb of Calgary in western Canada. Police and rangers followed it around the neighbourhood for several hours before it was tranquillised and taken out of town

Republican rightwinger joins presidential race

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WITH Republicans still savouring their victory in the US elections, one of their leading conservative senators, Phil Gramm, said yesterday that he will file papers this week to run for President in 1996.

Another Republican senator, Arlen Specter, a moderate, is due to announce his bid for the White House today, while a third senator, Robert Dole, said he thought he could run for President and be majority leader of the Senate at the same time.

Other Republicans also thinking of running, among them Dan Quayle, the former Vice-President, James Baker, former Secretary of State, Richard Cheney, former Secretary of Defence and Jack Kemp, former Housing Secretary.

This rush of Republicans vying for President Clinton's job is unprecedented fully two years before the election and is a measure of his weakness. But the moves will provoke Republican rivalries while they should be presenting a united front to Mr Clinton. He may soon convene a bipartisan summit meeting of congressional leaders to find out where Republicans are willing to co-operate and where confrontation is unavoidable.

Mr Gramm was asked why he would make a better President than Mr Dole, who has run for national office three times before. "I'm more committed to fundamentally changing government," he declared.

While declaring his love and admiration for Mr Dole, who is 71, Mr Gramm cast doubts on his ability to run for President and be leader of the Senate Republicans at the same time. Mr Dole said he saw no reason not to do both, given that Mr Clinton will be President and running for re-election simultaneously.

Mr Clinton is hoping the harsh, gloating rhetoric of Newt Gingrich will subside, although the House Speaker-in-waiting's latest cry of "co-operation, yes, compromise, no" did not seem promising.

Mr Gingrich will need to soften his ideas to avoid the presidential veto, an obstacle that can be overcome only with a two-thirds vote in both chambers of Congress. Republicans fall far short of mustering two-thirds — they have 53 of 100 senators and 230 of 435 House members.

Unless there is compromise, Americans could witness another do-nothing Congress comparable to 1946-1948 when Harry Truman turned the tables on the Republicans, won the election and restored Democratic control.

Moi's trip clouded by Amnesty attack

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

PRESIDENT Moi of Kenya begins a visit to London this week under the cloud of an Amnesty International report that accuses his regime of systematically harassing political opponents.

The trial of four leading dissidents who face the death penalty is especially criticised by the human rights group, whose report is likely to embarrass Mr Moi as he embarks on meetings with the Queen, John Major and the Foreign Secretary.



Moi: regime accused of harassing opponents

Amnesty, which has asked the Prime Minister to raise the issue of human rights in his talks with the Kenyan leader, names the four accused dissidents as Koigi wa Wamwere, Charles Wamwere, James Maigwa and C.G. Njunguna Ngengi, all prominent opponents of Mr Moi's Kenya African National Union party. They face charges of attempted robbery with violence.

"Amnesty International believes that the charges against them are false and that all four are prisoners of conscience," the rights group says. "The trial of these four defendants appears to be part of a pattern of harassment of human rights activists, opposition figues and journalists."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Algerian hijackers surrender in Majorca

Palma: Three hijackers of an Algerian airliner diverted to Majorca yesterday surrendered to Spanish police minutes after freeing all the passengers and crew, an airport spokeswoman said.

The hijackers, all Algerians, had boarded the Fokker 27 as passengers and were apparently armed only with hammers but claimed to have a case on board with a bomb inside it. There were more than 30 passengers on board the flight between Algiers and Ouargla, 340 miles to the south in the Sahara desert. The hijackers had earlier asked to be taken to Marseilles. *(Reuter)*

Inmates riot

Basseterre: The St Kitts government restored calm after a prison break-out led to the deployment of Caribbean Community troops. Inmates had rioted over the quick release on bail of the Deputy Prime Minister's sons. *(AFP)*

Tough action

Freetown: The Sierra Leone military government executed 12 soldiers, one of whom was 77, in a crackdown on army indiscipline. The fate of two British VSO aid workers led away by rebels from Kabala town, was still unknown. *(Reuter)*

Iraqi document

Nicosia: Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, left Jordan to attend a UN Security Council session in New York to hand over documents recognising Kuwait. He expects the action to ease the UN embargo on Iraq. *(AFP)*

Angolan hope

Johannesburg: President Mandela plans to attend tomorrow's signing of a peace deal in Lusaka, Zambia, to end the Angolan civil war, but a continuing government offensive against the Unita rebels may scupper the pact.

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More than one million march in Rome against public spending cuts

Embattled Berlusconi forces vote of confidence on budget

By Our Foreign Staff

THE Italian government faces a parliamentary vote of confidence on its 1995 budget today after a weekend of protests in which more than one million people took to the streets of Rome.

The vote, which Silvio Berlusconi, the Prime Minister, called and which his coalition government is expected to win, will take place against a backdrop of rising tension with trade unions, who organised one of Italy's biggest ever demonstrations in Rome on Saturday. Signor Berlusconi would be forced to step down if he lost.

Union leaders, who said 1.5 million people took part in the protest, promised to fight planned health and pensions spending cuts in the budget. Signor Berlusconi says the money has run out and that he has no choice but to make savings. "One must work, not strike," he said. Parliament must pass the budget by the end of this year.

"We warn the government that we will not stop until we have obtained concrete results," said Sergio Cofferati, leader of the CGIL union.

Union leaders say that forcing the budget through with confidence votes will split the country. "The Prime Minister has distinguished himself by his insensitivity and his contempt for the unions," said Signor Cofferati.

Signor Berlusconi has called the vote to ensure that a key part of the budget, an amnesty on illegal building work, is not slowed down by amendments, of which more than 250 have been tabled. Pensions are not directly affected by today's vote, but unions fear that Signor Berlusconi could try to force through the unpopular reforms to benefits in the same manner.

The vote comes at a time of rising tension within Signor Berlusconi's coalition, whose image has been tarnished by months of bickering among partners. Several members, including the federalist Northern League — his largest partner in parliament — want to renegotiate the whole basis of Signor Berlusconi's Freedom Alliance which has a 51-seat majority in the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house.

But despite the evident lack of cohesion in the coalition, leaders of government parties in parliament said they would back Signor Berlusconi today.

Demonstrators from five different marches filled three of Rome's squares on Saturday. Signor Berlusconi's own employees took part in the protest, some travelling overnight by train to join in.

Italy's Socialist Party, destroyed by the corruption scandals that toppled Bettino Craxi, its former leader, meanwhile disbanded and relaunched yesterday as Italian Socialists. The new centre-left group wil be led by Enrico Boselli, 37, and is a tiny shadow of Signor Craxi's once formidable party. A splinter group of former party members also formed the Reformist Socialist Party.

Signor Craxi, Prime Minister from 1983 to 1987, is currently at his holiday home in Tunisia. He has refused to return to face at least three separate trials for alleged illegal political party financing, saying he is too ill to travel.

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One of an estimated million protesters wears an effigy of Silvio Berlusconi, the Prime Minister, at a rally against the government in Rome

Russian mafia links up with Cosa Nostra

From John Phillips in Rome

As if Italy does not have enough home-grown mafiosi, enterprising Russian gangsters have poured into the country since the collapse of the Soviet Union, according to a report commissioned by retailers.

Italian police have for years monitored the links between the Sicilian Cosa Nostra and organised crime gangs in Russia, Poland, Bulgaria and other East European countries. But investigators had believed that such co-operation was largely confined to Italian mobsters moving into lucrative East European markets rather than vice versa.

Now, however, the East Europeans are moving into crime on a large scale in Italy, according to the report commissioned by Confcommercio, the retailers and tourist operators' federation. In many cases shopkeepers resigned to paying protection money to Italian racketeers are being asked to pay twice to meet the demands of Russians, the report said.

"The growing infiltration of our markets by the mafia of the east, and that of Russia in particular, has been important for a considerable period of time," said Sergio Billé, Confcommercio's president in Sicily. "Relations between the [Sicilian] Mafia and the Russian mafia are longstanding, but they have seen an extraordinary development since the fall of the Soviet Union. There is too little investigation in this direction."

The Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Cosa Nostra, is involved in exchanging gold and counterfeit dollars with Russian mafiosi, often using Germany for meetings, the report said. The Camorra is also active in arms dealing with gangs in the Balkans and Romania, and in Monaco in money laundering.

Senior Italian investigators recently visited Washington to ask for help from the FBI against the Russian mafia, but were surprised to discover how little their American counterparts had studied the phenomenon.

One of the senior Italian police officers specialising in the battle against Russian activities is a son of Boris Giuliano, a crime fighter killed by the Cosa Nostra in Sicily.

As well as the Camorra, clans in Palermo, Catania, the N'drangheta in Calabria and the Sacra Corona Unita in Apulia all have their own Russian business partners helping them to import weapons, synthetic drugs, precious metals and prostitutes to Italy, says the report. Sicilian heroin refineries are now an integral part of the supply network for the five to seven million drug addicts in Russia. Calabrian clans are working closely with the "dolgoprudnaja" underworld gang in Moscow.

The Sicilian Mafia owns a private bank at Yekaterinburg while the N'drangheta has acquired a bank in the St Petersburg region.

□ Turin: Felice Maniero, a Mafia boss in the Veneto region who has escaped three times from jail, was recaptured at the weekend. Maniero had spent the morning shopping in the centre of Turin with his girlfriend and had a leisurely lunch in a restaurant before he was picked up by police after a tip-off. His main concern was to tell his mother he was safe. "I am feeling fine. Just tell Mum I am all right. Ciao." *(Reuter)*

Gaullist feuding boosts hopes of Delors

From Charles Bremner in Paris

IF THE governing Gaullists wanted to convince Jacques Delors, their Socialist adversary, to stifle his qualms and run for the presidency they could hardly have done better than the dismal spectacle which they offered France over the weekend.

A party gathering was supposed to endorse the third presidential campaign of Jacques Chirac, its leader and the Mayor of Paris. Instead, M Chirac was given a subdued endorsement while his barons accused each other of treason. Meanwhile, a third minister was forced to resign from the Cabinet over alleged corruption.

Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister and rival presidential candidate, stayed in the Alps, keeping a lofty distance from the rally at which M Chirac handed the leadership of the Rassemblement Pour la République to Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister. As the lieutenant to the Euro-sceptic M Chirac, M Juppé, 49, faces a balancing act as he runs M Balladur's pro-EU foreign policy. France takes over the European presidency in January.

Michel Roussin, the Overseas Co-operation Minister, is expected to be placed under investigation today over allegations that he operated a scheme for illicit party finances when he ran M Chirac's office at the Paris City Hall. His ministerial job went to Bernard Debré, a Balladur loyalist, whose brother, Jean-Louis, is deputy party leader and a Chirac supporter.

M Chirac denounced the Balladur side as a gang of "sycophants who blow with the wind like autumn leaves". Philippe Séguin, the Parliamentary Speaker, who with Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, refused to join the rally, has denounced M Chirac and M Balladur for leading the party to suicide.

M Delors, the outgoing President of the European Commission, is ahead of M Balladur in opinion polls, although he insists that he has not yet decided to run.

Romania bars foreign flags and anthems

From Adam LeBor in Budapest

ROMANIA'S tarnished international image has been damaged further after the country's parliament passed a law imposing prison sentences of up to three years for flying flags or singing the anthems of other states.

The law, which is expected to be ratified by the Senate this month, is seen as a further strengthening of the far Right in parliament and its latest victory in a campaign against the two million ethnic Hungarian minority, discriminated against under the former Ceausescu regime.

Politicians from the Hungarian Democratic Union of Romania, which represents the Magyar minority, said the law showed the communist mentality was still present, almost five years after the 1989 revolution that toppled Nicolae Ceausescu.

Ethnic Hungarian MPs said that they would bring the new law to the Constitutional Court and the Council of Europe. "This article is against the spirit of democracy and European documents," said Ervin Szekely, an ethnic Hungarian MP.

Mr Szekely said the law also contravened the constitution, which recognises minority rights. "We are Romanian citizens, but we have our own symbols which reflect our origin as part of the Hungarian people."

Relations between the government and the ethnic Hungary minority are already strained, especially in Transylvania, where ultra-nationalist Gheorghe Funar is Mayor of the ethnically mixed city of Cluj. The new law is also likely to delay the signing of a treaty to formalise the border between Hungary and Romania.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow to blacklist profiteers

Moscow: Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, is to blacklist petrol companies that profiteered during a two-week fuel crisis that sent prices soaring in the capital, Tass news agency said yesterday.

A fuel shortage at the beginning of the month brought Moscow virtually to a standstill. Although petrol was brought in from other refineries, there were long queues at petrol pumps in the city at the weekend. *(Reuter)*

Babies die

Cologne: Four babies died of food poisoning and at least three others were handicapped in a west German clinic, *Bild am Sonntag* weekly said. But authorities refused to acknowledge the outbreaks of food poisoning. *(AFP)*

Hackers sought

Seoul: Belgium has asked South Korean police to search for a number of computer hackers suspected of pirating medical files from a cancer centre in Brussels. The hackers copied 484 segments of files in 11 minutes. *(AFP)*

Alive and well

Tirana: Eight Albanians, presumed drowned when an Italy-bound speedboat capsized in the Adriatic Sea last month, were reported to be living in Toronto. A Canadian ship had picked them up. *(Reuter)*

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FIRST NIGHT: Thursday
REVIEW: Monday



DEE CONWAY

Trinidad Sevillano (Chloë) and Stuart Cassidy (Daphnis) in the Royal Ballet's new production of Sir Frederick Ashton's 1951 ballet, part of a tribute to the late choreographer

More bread than Fred

DANCE: **Debra Craine** reviews the first programme in the Royal Ballet's celebration of its founder choreographer

That Frederick Ashton deserves to be celebrated is not in doubt. That he made some of the century's most exquisite ballets is not in question. But is this the right way to honour him? With a programme that provides more bread than filling?

Ashton would have been 90 this year. To mark the anniversary of its founder choreographer the Royal Ballet has devised a mini-festival for the 1994-95 season — two mixed-bill programmes and *Cinderella* for Christmas — to showcase the style that defined our national balletic character. The centrepiece of the first programme, unveiled at Covent Garden on Thursday, was a new production of his *Daphnis and Chloë*, created in 1951 for Margot Fonteyn and Michael Somes. There is much to be said for reviving one's heritage, but as *Daphnis* shows, one must also accept that not everything in the family jewel box is a gem.

The new *Daphnis* has its strengths. A roaring good performance of Ravel's score by Bernard Haitink in the pit generated a robustness rarely heard in ballet conducting. Martyn Bainbridge's stunning designs are another triumph: spare, uncluttered planes of sun-washed golden-stone walls, blue skies, shimmering seas, all glowing under a warm Mediterranean light.

But their success only points up the weakness of the original choreography. This was a ballet that relied on the huge personas of its original cast to carry the day; without the star factor, the work is exposed for the thinness of its invention. The brief enjoyment to be had in the polished impressionism of its best moments — think Nijinska and you're halfway there — is dimmed by the stasis that ultimately grounds the piece. The problem is most pronounced in the final scene where the surge of Ravel's score seems to engulf the choreographer's ability to match its powerful resonances: the lovers' reconciliation is more stately pageant than passionate pas de deux.

Guest artist Trinidad Sevillano, making her debut with the Royal Ballet, did her best in the Fonteyn role, but for such a wonderful dancer she was given little opportunity to make an impression. Stuart Cassidy was a romantic Daphnis, soft and expansive in his movements, but only Benazir Hussein as the seductress Lykanion ignited any sparks.

Happily, *Symphonic Variations* (set to César Franck's work for piano and orchestra) was there to provide the meat in the evening's sandwich. Here is Ashton at his best, with a brilliant 1946 work brimming with the pure geometry of step-making and the satisfying symmetry of pattern-weaving. Ashton's use of the dancing space is masterly, constantly delighting the eye with a shifting focal point.

Some of the groupings are striking, the changes of direction exhilarating, and the choreography wears a kind of shy neo-classicism. Sophie Fedorovitch's original set design — swirling black lines that reflect the airy flow of the dancers — still looks absolutely right. Unhappily, the six dancers, led by Viviana Durante and Bruce Sansom, did not quite achieve the sense of transcendence that the piece demands.

Earlier, Durante teamed up with Irek Mukhamedov for the pas de deux from the full-length *Sylvia*. Durante's sharpness in her upper body, the diamond clarity that so excites in the classical repertoire, was out of place here, although her playful attack was charming. Luckily for Mukhamedov, coping with a most unflattering costume, this is a display piece that allowed him to call upon his reserves of Bolshoi heroics.

The programme opened with *La Valse*, an ideal curtain-raiser for such a celebration. Ashton's glorious waltzing frenzy, set to more Ravel, is glamorous and sentimental, yet giddy with the danger of self-absorption. It was beautifully danced by the company, Tracy Brown in particular.

MUSIC: A rare stage realisation of a 'colour opera' by a pioneer of abstract painting

Raising a spectacular hue and cry

NOT to be outdone by his friend Schoenberg, who dabbled in painting, Wassily Kandinsky, the pioneer of abstract art, turned his hand to music. *Barry Millington writes*. He conceived four "colour operas" which were as close as he came to uniting the arts in a neo-Wagnerian *Gesamtkunstwerk*.

Violett (1911-14), the last of the four, has the (surely ironic) designation "A Romantic Stageplay". And it was as an offshoot of Romanticism that it was given a stage realisation (in the Purcell Room) in the South Bank's Deutsche Romantik festival, by the Verein *Kunst und Bühne in collaboration* with the Sprengel Museum, Hanover.

Kandinsky's musical instructions for the 80-minute work occupy a page of manuscript. They were virtually disregarded by the ensemble, *for whom William Pearson* created instead a score for percussion (brilliantly executed by Stephan Meier), with supplementary sounds on tape. Kandinsky's surreal text was spoken (in German) by actors. Thus singing and choreography were relegated below drama and visual spectacle.

Thomas Emde's designs were spare in use of props, though his three wide screens at the rear were used to project an often quite stunning light show. *Colour, about which* Kandinsky theorised endlessly, was rightly a central element in Franz-Josef Heumannskämper's production. For the rest, the troupe of 13 performers doubled up in diverse roles.

And what was it all about? Violet signified melancholy for Kandinsky, but the overriding state seemed to be that of anxiety: anxiety perhaps resulting from the modern human condition, and specifically *from the inability to* communicate in a divided, fragmented society.

THEATRE REVIEWS

Two halves of a vivid whole

True West
Donmar

THERE is a nice logic in Mark Rylance and Michael Rudko's decision to alternate the parts of the two brothers in this mostly admirable revival of Sam Shepard's sharpest play, *Benedict Nightingale writes*. After all, each character envies the other for having qualities he himself lacks. Add them together, and you might have a *complete person*, instead of two frustrated halfmen, doomed to stay resentfully apart.

Does that sound as if Shepard is making an earnest analysis of our 20th-century schisms? Matthew Warchus's production proves the play anything but abstract. I cannot altogether vouch for its quality when Rylance is playing the respectable Los Angeles screenwriter and Rudko the loner, hustler, pit-bull fancier and occasional criminal who crashes his brother's orderly world. But I saw the actors with those roles reversed and the result was as vivid and funny as I recall it being when the National staged the play's British premiere in 1981.

Rylance's Lee is less obviously pugnacious than Bob Hoskins's prototype, but more given to dangerous mood-swings and, especially when he speaks quietly, more menacing. The only problem with his performance is his appearance. Would a major film producer really agree to go golfing with this down-and-out, lose a wager with him on the links, and reject Austin's script for the eccentric western that he, Lee, has dreamt up?

Of course not. As a consequence one of Shepard's more credible plots becomes hard to believe. Yet much of the play works as well as it would if Rylance belonged less to Gorki's *Lower Depths* and more to Shepard's own *Paris, Texas*.

You can see Shepard's not-so-funny point. As he himself once put it, "we're split in a more devastating way than psychology can reveal. It's not some little thing we can get over. It's something we've got to live with."



Brothers: Mark Rylance fights with Michael Rudko

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TAKE a social issue; introduce it, catalyst-like, into a family environment; add exits, entrances, confrontations; and the result is an honest middle-brow drama, *Jeremy Kingston writes*. James Robson's play capably covers the ground, and Jude Kelly's direction capably marshals the cast, so that by the end we know something of the situation and mentality of a pretty Filipino woman brought from Manila to a farm near Bridlington.

We learn something of the mentality of the bachelor farmer who paid her fare with a view to friendship, marriage, possibly even love. The spinster sister, the yobbish farmhand, his panicking wife: their mentalities, too, are integrated into a plot that moves predictably forward.

The jealous sister will stop at nothing to drive the exotic intruder away. To the yob who fancies her, she represents the chance of a new life. The farmer's life is bound up with his acres of barley but the young Maria could bring him the company he craves. And what about Maria? Is she not a person in her own right?

And so forth. Robson lands Maria with two problems. The first is that Martin, the farmer, has lied about his age. "You old as hills," she cries. But since he is also shy and courteous, and sensitively played by Timothy West, she learns to accept him.

Her other problem is Poison Ivy, the unforgiving sister (Rosalind Knight, icily contemptuous). But her enmity adds nothing that is special to the situation of a fiancée in a foreign land.

Swee-Lin brings charm and an amusing gift for mimicry to the role of Maria. She and West together move persuasively from awkwardness to honesty. I just couldn't get worked up about it.

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Just a few moments to say 'I love you'

Richard Morrison turns on, tunes in and drops out at the revival of an avant-garde classic of the Sixties

They don't write tunes like this any more. There we were, Friday night, sitting in a packed and darkened Queen Elizabeth Hall, watching a female singer rant, rave, giggle, scream, pout, jabber, grunt and, yes, occasionally sing, for more than 100 minutes. In German, naturally.

Around the soloist were four choirs, who squeezed out every conceivable sound that can be obtained from the human body — and a few inconceivable ones as well. Meanwhile, psychedelic stage lighting did groovy things to their T-shirts.

Behind them, trumpet and trombone players belched out chords of impenetrable harmonic logic, or prolonged rasps of the flatulent variety. Two Hammond organs added their tremulous tones to proceedings. And at the back a gigantic gong, lavishly struck, brought a whole new gut-wrenching meaning to the term "heavy metal".

At moments of special ecstasy the choirs all leapt to their feet and started waving pocket torches around. That was, well, truly cosmic, man. And at one point there was that lethal thing: a German Avant-Garde Joke. The auditorium lights came on, and everybody on stage started applauding. This made the audience think it was the end, which it wasn't; not by a long stretch. You don't get out of a Karlheinz Stockhausen epic that easily.

But who was counting the minutes? By then we had all turned on, tuned in and dropped out (or, in the case of a few unenlightened souls, walked out). For this was a performance of Stockhausen's *Momente*, one of the great works of the Sixties avant-garde, not seen in London for more than 20 years. And a gloriously convincing performance it was too, considering that nobody in the four choirs (from Birmingham University and Conservatoire) can have been born when Stockhausen composed it.

> 'There followed that lethal thing: an avant-garde joke'

Momente is probably the noisiest piece of autobiography ever written, and as much an anthem to the Decade of Love as anything to come out of Woodstock. Stockhausen was literally on the run when he wrote it: fleeing from the vengeful husband of the young painter for whom the composer had left his own wife.

Never one to be modest about his own affairs, he weaved the whole saga into *Momente*, dividing the work into three sections which represent D (Doris, his wife, or past love), K (himself) and M (Mary, the new love). But D, K and M also stand for musical characteristics, as well as, inevitably, Indian gods (this *was* the Sixties, after all).

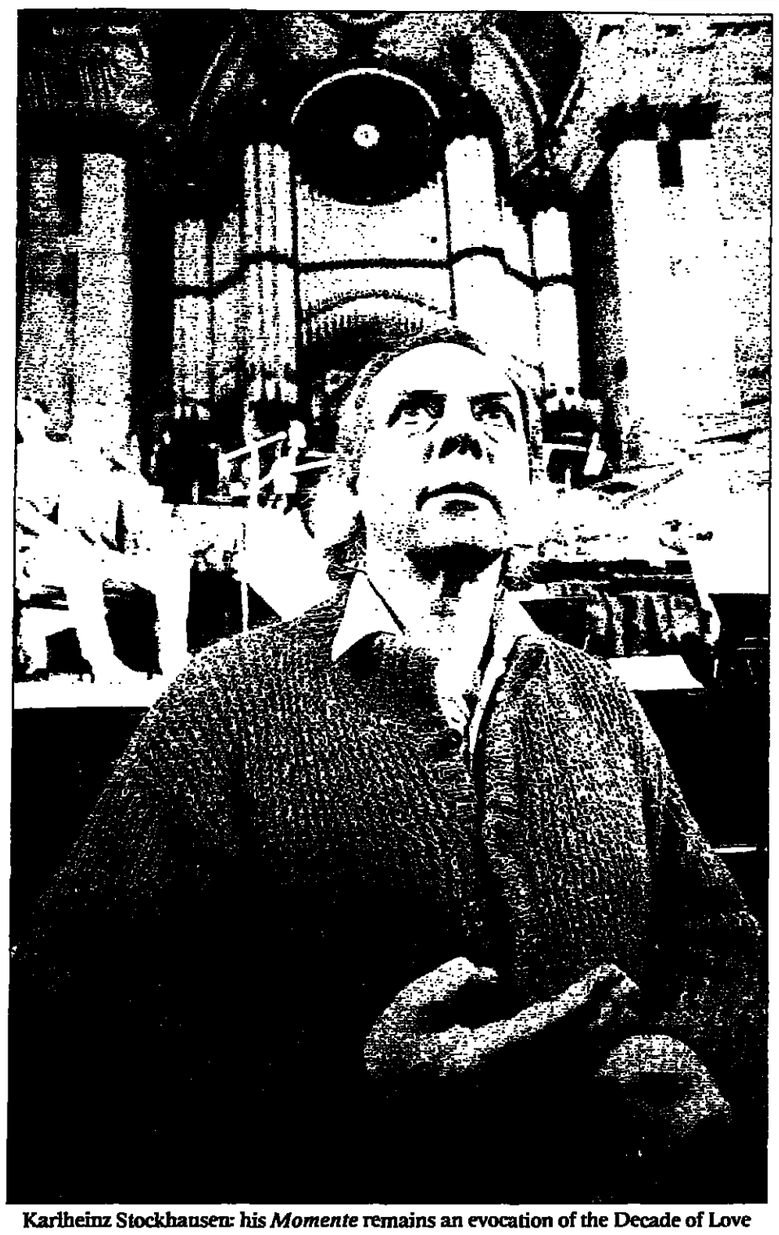
It takes a specially gifted sort of egotist to turn a fairly ordinary bit of adultery into a vast musical canvas of spectacular effects. *Momente* broke a lot of new ground at the time, particularly with its kaleidoscope of vocal effects and its idea of a "moment", infinitely expandable in time, as the organising structural principle of a piece of music.

But it is difficult today to understand how anybody could regard its preposterously bloated philosophical basis as being in any way radical, let alone at the cutting-edge of avant-garde thought. After all, that arch-conservative Richard Strauss had composed much the same sort of dreary emotional autobiography into his *Sinfonia Domestica*. No, like so much that startled in the Sixties, *Momente* now seems quaint and incorrigibly Romantic, for all its surface histrionics.

Yet as one listened to Friday's brilliant performance (Jonty Harrison conducting the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, with sound diffusion by BEAST, and Angela Tunstall magnificent in the central soprano role) one could not help comparing this ambitious and flamboyant work, gripping for all its flaws, with the tasteful but tame new music of the Nineties.

Stockhausen himself is still ploughing his solitary furrow, of course — churning out his epic, week-long opera that the world long ago lost interest in hearing — but he is no longer a big force in contemporary music. Perhaps, however, he can echo Norma Desmond, and declare: "I'm still big; it's the avant-garde that got small."

● *Momente will be repeated on Friday at the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival (St Paul's Hall, 0484 430528)*



Karlheinz Stockhausen: his *Momente* remains an evocation of the Decade of Love

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
☒ **Some seats available**
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■ **THE EDITING PROCESS** Stephen Daldry directs Alan Howard and Prunella Scales in Meredith Oakes's Hannish comedy about publishing malpractices. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Dec 3.

☐ **HAMLET** Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-detesting Prince, backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats *Thurs and Sat*, 2pm

☒ **THE MASTER BUILDER** Brian Cox's strong and stirring performance in Ibsen. John Crowley directs, Tom Piper designs. **Riverside Studio 1**, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (061-741 2255) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **MOSCOW STATIONS** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **ON APPROVAL** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is: a sophisticated, diverting but relatively *sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant* form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **OUT OF THE BLUE** A sung-through musical drama, composed by Shun Ishi-Tokura with libretto by Paul Sand. David Gilmore directs the love story set in Japan during the Second World War **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Now previewing, 7.45pm, opens Nov 23, 7pm

☐ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN** Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding **Comedy** Panton Street SW1 (071-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat 4pm

☐ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE** Patricia Hodge's crystal vowels perfectly suit the role of Muriel Spark's inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher and carry Alan Strachan's revival across the dodgier scenes **Strand**, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Wendy Wasserstein's cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH** Clare Higgins's unmissable performance as *the ageing film star in Tennessee* Williams's steamy drama about hopes fading and futures destroyed. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Beautiful Thing** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☒ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ☒ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana**, Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ☐ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) . ☒ **Grease** Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**, Albery (071-867 1115) ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (071-434 0909) ☒ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . ☐ **Neville's Island**, Apollo (071-494 5070) ☐ **Once on This Island** Island (Royalty) (071-494 5090) ■ ***The Phantom of the Opera*** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me**, Savoy (071-836 8888) ☐ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ☒ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (071-344 0055) ☐ **Woman in Black** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

DREAM LOVER (18) James Spader discovers that Mädchen Amick, his new wife, is not all that she appears to be Nicholas Kazan's cool, over-stylised psychological thriller **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

FLESH AND BONE (15) Lugubrious tale of blighted Texan lives from *Fabulous Baker Boys* director Steve Kloves. With Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and James Caan **MGMs: Fulham Road** ☒ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ☒ (071-434 0031)

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU (PG) Bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ☒ (071-437 4343)

SLEEP WITH ME (18) *LA friends* party, play poker and suffer in love Uneven first feature by Rory Kelly, with Eric Stoltz, Meg Tilly, Craig Sheffer **MGMs: Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Warner** ☒ (071-437 4343)

THREE COLOURS: RED (15) *Kieslowski's compelling film about criss-*crossing lives, a majestic climax to his trilogy With Irene Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **Gate** ☒ (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** ☒ (071-435 3566)

CURRENT

THE BROWNING VERSION (15) Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney, as the classics teacher facing retirement With Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine **MGM Fulham Road** ☒ (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** ☒ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15) Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro Director, Joel Schumacher **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ☒ (071-434 0031) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ☒ (071-437 4343)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis **Empire** ☒ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ☒ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332)

LOVE IN THE STRANGEST WAY (15) A husband's infidelity brings dire consequences. Aloof French thriller that deserves a remake With Thierry Lhermitte and Maruschka Detmers. Christopher Frank directs **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U) African lion cub almost loses his father's throne Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ☒ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ☒ (071-437 4343)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15) Overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter **Barbican** ☒ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** ☒ (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18) Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ☒ (071-437 4343)

◆ **SPEED** (15) Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Dennis Hopper **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ☒ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ☒ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332)

Big screen for Metroland

COMING to the cinema screen soon will be **Julian Barnes**'s 1981 novel *Metroland*, with a cast expected to reunite *Howards End* co-stars, **Sam West** and **Helena Bonham Carter**. **Sir Peter Hall** is the favourite to direct — if he finds time in a schedule that also includes directing another film, *Never Talk To Strangers* with **Rebecca de Mornay**. That begins shooting in Canada next month.

OVERTURES

● GOOD news for those fans of American singer-songwriter **Mary-Chapin Carpenter** unable to hold out until her British tour next May. She has announced a one-off London "acoustic" date at Her Majesty's Theatre on Sunday December 4, for which she will be joined by guitarist John Jennings and keyboard-player Jon Carroll. With three successive Grammy awards to her credit, she now finds her new album, *Stones In The Road*, on top of the American country-music charts and climbing into the Top 20 pop listings.

● LAST seen romping about the West End as Mrs Hardcastle in Sir Peter Hall's production of *She Stoops To Conquer*, **Miriam Margolyes** moves on next year to a revival of Frank Marcus's 1965 play *The Killing of Sister George*, playing the part of the lesbian radio star that brought Beryl Reid a 1967 Tony Award on Broadway. **Serena Evans**, fondly remembered as the pert co-star of Alan Ayckbourn's *Henceforward . . .*, inherits the Eileen Atkins/Susannah York role of Childie.

Margolyes, meanwhile, is being tipped to make her New York stage debut: **Peter Holmes à Court**, son of Stoll Moss theatre owner Janet Holmes à Court, is hoping to produce the actress off-Broadway in her one-woman show, *Dickens' Women*, next year.

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Julia Llewellyn Smith meets *The Times* bridge correspondent

The Doc makes his play

Robert Sheehan explains how he is improving the odds on the success of his latest gamble

MARTIN BEDDALL



Robert Sheehan: "Gamblers say: 'If you look round a table and you can't see a sucker, then *you* are the sucker' "

It is a November afternoon in Mayfair, and in the candlelit dining-room of Aspinall's casino, an elderly gentleman sits in solitude under a bust of Lord Lucan. "Wonderful fellow," he pronounces. He stares into his brandy and starts listing his chums: "Ari Onassis, Robert Sangster, oh and King Farouk — look, there's his bust up there."

His back is turned on a mural of a moustachioed man, leaning despairingly on a table. There is an upturned wine glass beside him, a gun in front of him. "Quite puts me off my food looking at that," he explains.

Upstairs in the gaming room, under the low, fringed lamps, a swarthy man is smoking a cigar by the green-baize blackjack table. A tall, bespectacled man enters the room. "Hello Doc!" exclaims the cigar smoker. "Doc" settles on a stool, signs a cheque for £1,000 and waits while a dark-haired woman shuffles the cards, cuts them and starts to deal with deft detachment.

About 15 minutes later, "Doc" — alias Dr Robert Sheehan, the new bridge correspondent of *The Times* — has won £85. "Pathetic really," he says as he pockets the cash and heads for the door.

Blackjack is merely a diversion. Sheehan's real games are backgammon and, of course, bridge, which he plays three afternoons a week at TGR's club in Marble Arch. One imagines a suave, silk-suited Raffles figure; one gets the kind of man you sit next to on the commuter train to Crawley.

"I'm not a person with pzazz," says Sheehan, sipping a pre-lunch beer in the green and gold drawing-room.

"Successful gamblers are not flamboyant types. They could easily be accountants. We think in the same way they do. In gambling, the most important things to consider are value, expectation and *vigorish* — a good slang word. It all centres on whether you have an advantage.

"This is why we gamble. It's not really about money. It's because it's satisfying and enjoyable. It's about beating the system. Many good gamblers have money already, because they have been successful in other fields. American options firms have taken on bridge bums and backgammon bums to trade and they have been very successful."

Do not, then, expect Sheehan and his ilk to be glued to the telly on November 19, the night of the National Lottery, which he dismisses with a faint grin. "The way to look at the lottery is: they're taking in £10 million and they're going to pay out £7 million. So the ruthless way to think is: you are giving someone £1 and getting 70 pence change. Are you going to get it back in the long run?" But the money goes to a good cause, I say weakly. Sheehan doesn't blink. "It's perfectly all right, if you look at it as entertainment."

He looks at me anxiously. "You do know what number to pick?" I was going to pick my lucky number: nine, I say. "No, no, your lucky number must be over 31. If you pick a winning number, everybody who's got that number will share the prize, and people are likely to choose the day and the month of their and their relations' birth. After that you can choose what numbers you like, although it's better if they don't come in a sequence, which lots of people will pick."

A Lincolnshire GP's son, Sheehan, 55, has a solid grounding in such rigorous analysis. He was a champion chess player, who was disconcerted when he arrived at Oxford to read animal physiology that he was only the third-best player on his staircase. "But people were starting bridge from scratch, so I started with them."

Cards, however, took second place to study. Sheehan gained a first and went on to take a DPhil. "But after several years, I realised I was in the wrong subject. I should have done mathematics." So he quit academia and went to work for a computer business, leaving when the company would not give him time out to play in the British Olympiad.

> It's all about beating the system

For the next few years he eked out a living playing bridge and backgammon, before joining a bookmaking firm called IG Index which a friend had set up in his spare room, spread-betting on the price of gold. The company grew rapidly and Sheehan spent ten years there as executive director, all the while playing bridge for Britain at Olympiads, European and world championships. He left the company ten years ago, but remains on the board and as a consultant.

His experience in journalism consists of occasional articles for bridge magazines and a not entirely successful spell as a columnist for *Homes and Gardens*. He barks with laughter at the memory. "For a Christmas competition there were five prizes and I got three entries. Shortly afterwards they replaced me with a potted plant column."

He hopes to gain a larger audience in his daily column for *The Times*, although after only two weeks in the job, he is aware of potential pitfalls. "Bridge is very difficult to write about succinctly. Most hands have a loose end or two which you should really talk about." He gains inspiration from bridge magazines and his own games and mulls over his pieces as he walks his labrador on Clapham Common before filing them. He is determined not to make the pieces too difficult, aiming at "the women my wife plays tennis with".

He is joining a distinguished list of bridge writers, many of whom stay with their newspapers for decades. Why such loyalty? "People who are good at bridge have usually had a misspent youth. They are often very intelligent people who should have been studying at university but they got hooked on the game and spent the rest of their life with it. They need a column to earn a regular income, so they hang on to it."

Sheehan has clearly not misspent his youth, or his life. But however skilful his play, chance will always dominate. "There's got to be some element of chance or nobody would gamble. No one's going to bet £1,000 they can beat Pete Sampras at tennis, his skill is too great." He himself has suffered some considerable losses. "Gamblers say: 'If you look round a table and you can't see a sucker, then *you* are the sucker. Sometimes I look round a table and can't see a sucker. You can just be very unlucky." He said it. I'm still going to stick to my lucky number nine.

Beware cat ladies bearing cash

Pet-lovers are especially dangerous where cats are concerned, as a Gloucestershire couple found

If you should hear a faint mewing in your wall tonight, for heaven's sake keep quiet about it. If charitably inclined, you could knock a small hole in the bathroom skirting-board and put down a lure of sardines, with a fan blowing their fragrance into the wall cavity. But if anyone comes to the house, dissemble. Switch on a loud tape of *The Archers* and claim that the mewing is a sound-effect of Auntie Peggy's cat, or Shula's new baby.

If by mischance they notice the saucer of fish under the bidet and the fan balanced on the lavatory cistern, think quickly and pass it off as your latest holistic treatment. "Oh, yes, thalassaromatherapy — seashore smells at high pressure — the Princess of Wales does it, apparently."

Whatever you do, don't let on that there might be a cat in the wall, OK? Because, in Britain, such an admission is not safe. It will make your life a misery, your home a building-site, and destroy your peace. A month from now you will have to flee the country to escape a deluge of hate-mail and a picket line of minor female celebrities clutching fur hot-water bottles and demanding that you let them spend the night crooning pussy-talk through the wrecked wall of your erstwhile bedroom. See what I mean? Keep quiet. If you hear any mewing in your cavity walls, deal with it yourself. Or pretend you think it is a rat (since there is no Rat Protection League, not yet anyway) and get in a man with gaiters, a twisted nose and a flat hat: the kind who has a local reputation for sorting out invaders. You know it makes sense.

There is something quintessentially and queasily British about the case of the Powells of Gloucestershire and their prolonged ordeal at the hands of a murally challenged cat and its supporters. Five weeks ago the couple dwelt peacefully in a neat three-bedroom Englishman's castle, paid for by Mr Powell's earnings in his arduous and responsible job as a coach driver. But this weekend the Powells were hiding out in Belgium, in flight from a degree of destruction and insult rare in peacetime.

The RSPCA, the vet and the fire brigade had failed to flush out the cat; the local animal charity advanced the theory that it could get out if it wanted. Reasonable, humane efforts had been made: the consensus was that the beast was either dead, or else playing a devious catty game of *Phantom of the Opera* from a hideout in the foundations.

Then an emotional Panzer division moved in, fuelled by hysteria. On a weekend when the Royal British Legion anxiously counted up the takings from the dwindling poppy appeal, the cat ladies arrived scattering money.

Carla Lane, the writer of fey TV comedy scripts, and Celia Hammond, founder of the Cat Protection Trust and keeper of 400 furry friends, hired an international earthquake rescue team with thermal-imaging equipment to come and drill holes in the wall. They took out the bath, brought down the coving in the room underneath, pulled up fitted carpet, lifted the hall floorboards — you get the picture.

The ladies promised to pay £1,000 towards the damage, but the human relations involved have not, by any account, been edifying. Ms Hammond resents not being allowed in to plead with the cat; Ms Lane, unmoved by the rubble and chaos of the Powells' home, said with supreme nastiness: "From the start, everyone seems to have been on the side of the humans on this job. No one has been fighting for the cat." Meanwhile, poison pen letters berate the couple for not doing enough.



LIBBY PURVES

I have two cats: the eldest is 13, a rescued feral kitten supplied, for a donation, by the excellent Cat Action Trust. When our beloved Nelson died he was interred with full honours. The younger cat gets away with murder.

Some of my best friends are even more unreasonable: I cite the case of Muffy, who is enormously fat, somewhat incontinent and has a tin leg. She used to like sitting on the television during *Howards' Way* with the stiff leg over the warm screen, and her owner is so soft she viewed round the leg, thus missing many significant facial expressions. Or take Mrs Rochester, who lives on the top floor and requires to be carried down three flights to her dinner.

I revere the tradition of feline appreciation, from Dr Johnson's Hodge to Dickens's Williamina (she had kittens in his study, and they would swarm up the curtains and land on his head while he was trying to think how to end *Martin Chuzzlewit*, or whatever, which could explain a lot). I read Eliot's *Practical Cats* to my children before they could talk. I have given both publicity and folding money to those who, like Ms Hammond, rescue strays.

But never again; not another penny. I see the light. Cats, like dogs, are a dangerous mind-altering drug. They do terrible things to the British psyche. Mainline on them for too long and your morality disintegrates. You lose all loyalty to your own species (something a cat, incidentally, would despise you for) and end up as a nasty, rude, hysterical, inconsiderate, barely human writer of poison pen letters.

So I am going cold turkey. I haven't even spoken to Tibby this morning. Just threw her breakfast down and turned my back, to watch the human events at the Cenotaph. It is the only way.

So you want to write a soap?

A week of romance and broken hearts as trainee scriptwriters play out their mini-dramas

I STARTED packing on Friday, even though I wasn't leaving till Sunday. Having never been to boarding school, the idea of staying in a remote Devon farmhouse with 15 other students had an Angela Brazil-cum-Enid Blyton ring to it. Whizzo! Shame I hadn't a tuck-box or teddy.

We were to go on a week-long how-to-write-a-film-script course run by the Arvon Foundation, a charity which encourages creative writing at its three centres in Yorkshire, Scotland, and Devon. Our destination: the long, low farmhouse of Totleigh Barton, 11 miles down a winding country road from Okehampton.

I hoped a dose of creative writing might rinse my mind of the rigours of the newsroom and improve my style. Had I an imagination which could be raised from its slumbers? Could I pen a television drama or even a Hollywood script? Was I really David Lodge in disguise?

And of course it sounded ever so glamorous to say that I was going on a course — to scriptwrite, actually. Bye bye hard-nosed hack, hello sensitive *writer*.

My first error was to imagine that scriptwriters had glamorous lives. My fellow students, bar a few honourable exceptions who included an actress with piled blonde hair and a drama executive from Anglia Television, had anything but. Among them was a middle-aged man in computers from Essex; a radio operator who had spent most of his life at sea; a lady who worked in "envelopes"; and a former teacher, now housewife.

My second misapprehension was that such courses are about being taught. Of course, in a way they are. Each day, we had a morning "tutorial" with one of our two excellent tutors, both scriptwriters themselves, to review progress.

There was an evening meeting to discuss a particular theme: opening scenes, characterisation, plot, subtexts, with reference to the tutor's work. The penultimate night we split into groups to create the first ten minutes of a soap opera suggested by our tutors, to be acted out on the final night.



RACHEL KELLY

Some had brought work in progress. They were admirably struggling to combine dullish day jobs with creative free time. Some, like me, had a rough idea of an area they wished to explore but had yet to write anything.

At the first meeting, we agreed that I would go away to plot an outline. The next meeting involved developing the bones.

There are technicalities to be learnt: how to lay out a script, how to make things happen between the lines, how to build up a sense of drama by confounding expectations, how to try to get your script produced. One night a producer came down from London to explain that "every meal is a deal" — or should be.

But these are tricks. Others can technically improve your efforts. The key is that you have to mind about your writing. You must care about your characters, feel their emotions. This is drama. It is about reaching for the stars even if, as Wilde said, we are all in the gutter. No-one can "teach" you what to feel.

Such courses are enablers. They can't tell you what, or even how, to write, but they provide an environment in which you can be encouraged to try. "What do you want out of the course?" we were asked on day one. It was for each of us to work out our own answer by putting pen to paper. Learning, it becomes obvious, only happens through doing. You are not a scriptwriter until you have written a script.

The greatest lesson was that some on the course didn't really want to write. It was difficult to judge: who knew what happened in the privacy of their rooms? And most of the students were coy about their work, fearing that careless talk costs scripts.

But these courses are as much about lonely hearts as spilling ink. Want to make new friends? As any agony aunt will tell you, go on a course. As secrets were swapped, it became clear that several students were simply lonely. The usual suspects were to be found hovering round the Nescafé, nominally discussing the merits of writing an episode of *The Bill*.

One student had been on tens of different courses, and had yet to have anything produced. One tutor confessed she agreed to teach each year as a form of social work.

THERE has been at least one Totleigh Barton marriage. The setting is conducive for playing away. Partners, if they exist, stay behind. At least one affair was brewing the week I attended and there were several broken hearts. The only practical difficulty was the dorm-style, single-sex sleeping arrangements, but there were plenty of romantic barns, and those in the know book single rooms ahead.

And me? I did my fair share of swapping secrets and addresses. The trouble is such friendships are created in an unrepeatable context: I have not seen anyone since we left.

And yes, I also wrote a 30-minute drama. It was hellishly difficult, and I doubt it will ever be performed. Reporting on other people's lives is a far easier proposition than making them up.



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Controlling your dreams



LAST week Lord Longford was out and about with three large sticking plasters on his impressive forehead. His explanation was straightforward. While asleep, he had a dream that he was playing tennis against Martina Navratilova, and leading 3-2 in the second set. Then she returned serve so hard that he knew he couldn't hit it with his racket, and opted to head it instead. At this point he was awakened by Lady Longford, who told him he had been banging his head on the furniture.

What he obviously needs is a course in lucid dreaming, the subject of a book just published by Celia Green and Charles McCreery, of the Institute of Psychophysical Research in Oxford. Lucid dreams, they say, are those in which the sleeper is aware that he or she is dreaming, and thus can exert a degree of control over what happens.

The phenomenon has been described by many authors since classical times. Freud was aware of it, and wrote that people who possessed the ability could break off a dream if they were dissatisfied with the course it was taking, and start it again in another direction — "just as a popular dramatist may under pressure give his play a happier ending".



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

The book contains many anecdotal accounts of lucid dreaming, including the appealing story of a man who could control his erotic dreams as skilfully as any Don Juan. Without bringing a blush to the cheek, I can report that this man was able to approach any good-looking girls who appeared in his dreams and proceed to undress them. The tactile and thermal sensations were identical to the real thing. But to his chagrin he soon lost the knack.

The 19th-century dreamer the Marquis d'Hervey de Saint-Denys attempted to improve his chances of dreams like these by arranging that as he slept, a musical box would play the same tunes to which he had earlier danced with the lady of his choice. He claimed that it worked.

The concept of lucid dreaming, then, has a long history but is still some way short of scientific demonstration. The Oxford institute, which Celia Green has been running on a shoestring for many years, has launched an appeal for funds. It needs £150,000 a year, plus another £50,000 for capital spending.

The appeal has the support of Professor Hans Eysenck, never a man to shirk a controversial challenge, who salutes the original and creative research done by Celia Green, and says that in view of her past record "adequate financial and professional sponsorship is fully justified".

Another supporter is Dr Gordon Claridge, Oxford University lecturer in abnormal psychology, and the man who supervised Dr McCreery's PhD research into "out-of-body-experiences" — the first such doctorate ever awarded, at least at Oxford and probably anywhere.

Mainstream funding agencies are unlikely to touch this kind of research, which fringes on parapsychology. But somewhere there must be a fund or a rich individual prepared to take a chance. We can but dream.

● Lucid Dreaming: the paradox of consciousness during sleep *is published by Routledge* (£9.99)

At a stroke



SCIENTISTS in Cambridge, and Seattle have in the past few years revealed a striking feature of arteries damaged by atherosclerosis — the process by which the blood vessels become furred up, preventing flow and causing heart attacks or stroke.

They have found that in diseased arteries genes that are normally active only in bone become mobilised. At Professor Peter Weissberg's laboratory at Cambridge, the muscle cells that line artery walls have been grown in culture and the genes that are switched on during this process identified.

In normal vessels these muscles regulate blood flow by slowly contracting or relaxing, but in atherosclerotic vessels they move out from the cell walls and start proliferating. In laboratory culture, the muscle cells switch on a gene called osteopontin, whose normal role in bone is to allow cells to adhere to a substrate. The same gene has also been found to be active in diseased arteries in patients.

Professor Weissberg says that this gene is not the only one involved, and he is working with colleagues to identify the others. The British Heart Foundation has recently agreed to fund his chair for five years, at £100,000 a year, ensuring the work will continue.

Ultimately the hope is that all the genes that contribute to heart disease may be identified.

Flying tackle



BIRDS are mostly a pleasure, but they can also be a menace. Canada geese, in particular, have a reputation for destroying grass and leaving a disgusting mess. Sucked into the inlets of a jet, they can even put lives in peril.

The problem is that few things really deter birds. Even teargas leaves them unmoved — not that anybody is proposing to use it. Birds thrive on hot tabasco sauce and compounds too bitter for mammals to tolerate.

Now scientists from the US Department of Agriculture may have found the avian weakness. Birds can't abide the taste of a variety of grape, the Concord, which is grown in many American vineyards. The grapes contain methyl anthranilate, which is also found in orange, jasmine and acacia blossoms, while a synthetic version is used to flavour grape-flavoured bubble-gum.

A Cincinnati company, PMC Specialties Group, reasoned that if the compound was licensed for use as a food flavouring, there would be no problem using it as a bird deterrent. They were right. The US Environmental Protection Agency has given clearance and PMC plans to market the chemical as a spray called ReJex-iT, initially for golf courses and landfill sites.

"It works, but it's not a silver bullet," says USDA scientist Richard Dolbeer. "It doesn't make the birds sick, it just tastes bad to them." But if they're kicked out of parks, golf courses and airports, aren't they all going to turn up in our gardens?

Bring on the women in white coats

Giles Coren reports on a move to encourage more girls into a career in science

For as long as such things have been subject to scrutiny, the poor representation of women in science — both in commercial laboratories and in academia — has been causing concern. Furthermore, the number of girls studying scientific subjects in schools and universities remains low, promising little for the future.

But things may be about to change. A report published in February, replete with the usual bar-charts and statistical tables, underlined the necessity for action. *The Rising Tide: A Report on Women in Science, Engineering and Technology* was commissioned by William Waldegrave (then Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), and compiled by a group of female scientists from leading British universities. As a result of its recommendations a development unit has been established, under the auspices of the Office of Science and Technology, with a remit to "tap a vastly underused resource to the benefit of the nation's science, engineering and technology".

The unit is to be headed by Lynda Sharp, a mathematician from the Ministry of Defence, who will take office before the end of the year and is reluctant, at this stage, to give the game away. "We want to encourage more women into science," she says, "and will be looking both at why they aren't attracted to it, and why they leave. And we will see what we can do."

They will certainly need to do something. The report shows, among other things, that despite an equal performance across the sexes in science subjects at GCSE, thereafter girls start to drop out. In the 1991-92 academic year, 6,680 girls went on to take physics at A level, compared with 23,520 boys. However, more than twice as many girls as boys chose to study English.

Dr Nancy Lane, of Cambridge University, was chairman of the working group that put *Rising Tide* together and will advise the new unit when it is up and running. "There are three key areas to be addressed," she says. "First, we need to raise the profile of girls in science at school. Then we must target employers, and persuade them to implement family-friendly policies which offer flexibility to women with children. Finally, we must ensure a high profile for women scientists in the media to establish role models for young girls, and persuade them they can do it, too."

Dr Lane is not advocating positive discrimination which, she believes, can lead to tokenism. She is aware that there are not many grants to go round but is adamant that "women not only have to be doing research, they have to be seen to be doing research".

One woman seen to be doing research is Dr Heather Giles, a senior pharmacologist at the Wellcome laboratories in Beckenham, Kent. She is 39, married with stepchildren, and heads a team of eight scientists — three men and five women — which hones the specificity of drugs (hormone mimetics) to reduce the risk of side-effects. For example, a hormone mimetic designed to prevent the blood-clotting that leads to angina can attach itself to blood cells at any number of "receptors". While a bond with the receptor that is causing the problem will lead to a cure, bonds with other receptors will create side-effects. The ultimate aim is to create a mimetic hormone that will bond only to the problematic receptor.

Dr Giles's unusual career history is an indication of the different expectations of men and women in science, and the strange route that women sometimes have to take to reach the top.

She has been in charge of the analytical pharmacology team of Wellcome's receptor group for six months — a role which she took over from a man and which had always been previously been filled by men — but for the first eight years of her professional life her only contact with drugs was when she injected them into patients as a nurse at King's College Hospital in London.

"At school I didn't think I was any good at science," she says. "So of the four A levels I took only one was a science. In retrospect, I was wrong about that. I didn't consider university and went straight into training as a nurse. Eventually, I realised I was not being intellectually challenged so I took a biology A level at night school and then went to Goldsmiths' College, London, to read biology."

She graduated with first-class honours and landed a job at Wellcome as a pharmacologist working under Sir James Black. With a mortgage to pay, she could not abandon her hands-on research job to disappear into academia, so she embarked on her PhD part-time, focusing on the work she was already doing for Wellcome. She does not, however, consider herself a struggler for equality.

"Wellcome make life fairly easy for their female scientists — I think about 44 per cent of the workforce is female — although the number of women at my level is pretty small, and gets smaller the higher up you go. This is partly because of the lack of movement in the profession in recent years. Nobody is being promoted, so the women who were forging ahead have not yet reached the top in any numbers."

Dr Giles is quick to point out that there *are* differences in the ways men and women work. "Men are better at remaining focused on a job to the exclusion of all else," she says.

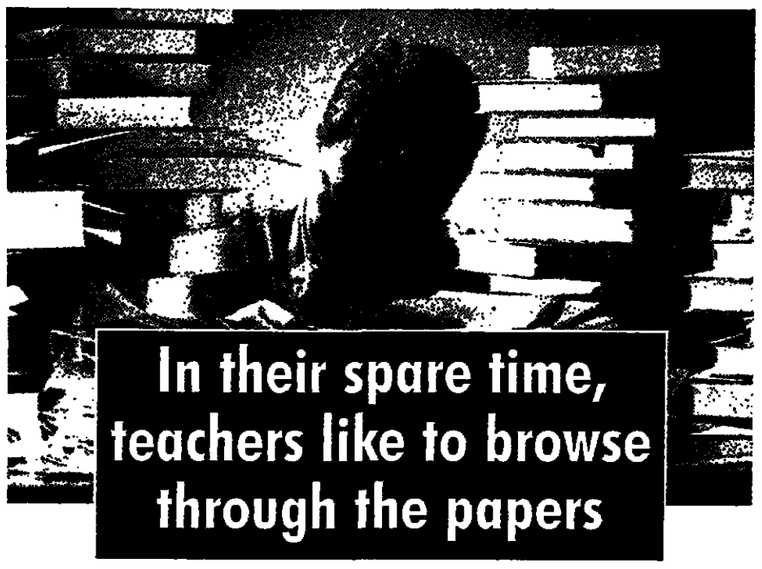
"But women can bring organisational and interpersonal skills that men do not have. If women fail to get the promotions it may be because the interviewers, usually male, do not value these skills as highly as those associated with men. Having said that, once you are in the job other scientists are more likely to remember you and, as a result, your work. So it is not always a disadvantage."

She has never encountered prejudice herself, "although I suppose when you arrive in your white coat to start at a new lab there is always that assumption that you are just a technician". If the new development unit manages to achieve anything at all, then future women who reach the position of Dr Giles will never be mistaken for technicians. They will be taken for scientists.



TONY WHITE

Pharmacologist Dr Heather Giles: "When you arrive in your white coat to start at a new lab there is always that assumption that you are just a technician"



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How memory is made

Simon Wessely on the dangerous search for childhood trauma

Is it possible that a person could experience years of hideous physical and sexual abuse and then forget all about it? If so, could such lost memories be found again during a course of psychotherapy? For many American therapists, who claim to be experts at retrieving these "recovered memories", the answer is yes. They argue that someone may embark upon treatment without any knowledge of years of the trauma of rape, incest, and humiliation.

In a new book, *Making Monsters*, Professor Richard Ofshe, a sociologist at the University of California at Berkeley, and Ethan Watters, a journalist, counter that these memories are, in fact, created during psychotherapy. If a police officer can, in a single night, cause someone to confess to a crime they didn't do, they argue, then how much more powerful is a kind, caring therapist? A troubled person meets a warm, persuasive professional who possesses the key that will make sense of unhappy lives. How easy it is for the two of them to collaborate on producing a new narrative to fit with the therapist's own preconceptions, and for the patient to come to identify with the new role.

But therapy should offer uncritical empathy, and not psychic detection. Therapists have no training or education in judging the literal truth. Memories recalled under intense therapy or hypnosis are complex, dream-like creations, belonging not to the past, but to the present. *Making Monsters* shows what happens when therapists confuse empathy with literal truth.

Such therapists seem oblivious to doubt and uncertainty. One bestselling book claims that the author's suspicion that someone was abused *always* led to confirmation of those suspicions. Therapists claim that poor body image, excessive drinking (or abstinence), lack of career success, low self-esteem or having headaches are signs of sexual abuse. Those who have experienced sexual abuse can, and do, show all of the above, but such complaints are dangerously common.

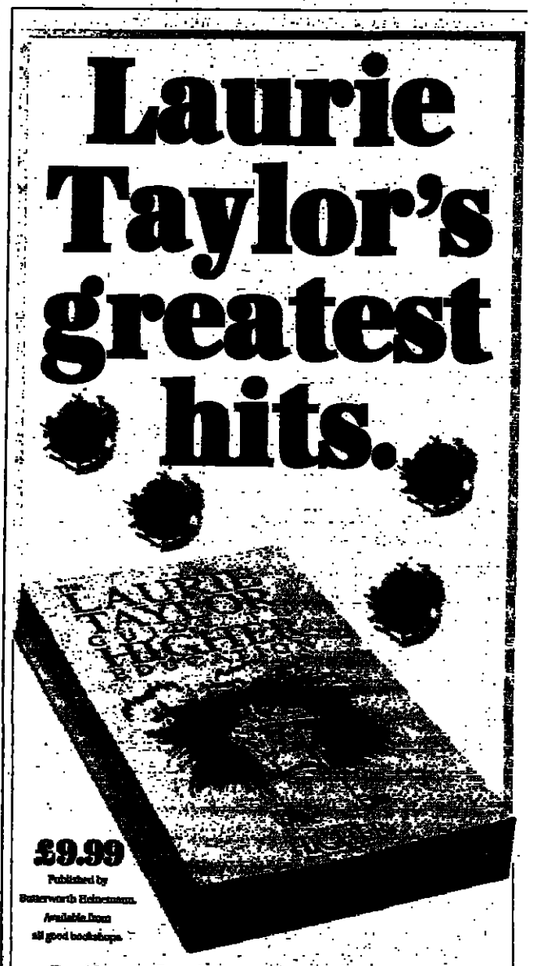
The usual defence offered by believers is that professionals working with disturbed people wrongly denied the reality of sexual abuse in the past. True, but the scenario was different. Then women told their therapists that they knew they had been abused, even though they would rather forget it. The analysts told them that their memories were fantasies and explained them in Freudian terms such as penis envy and oedipal rivalry. Today's patients deny that they have been abused, but the still dogmatic therapists do not believe them. Texts quoted by Ofshe and Watters urge that the more a patient denies such interpretations, the more assiduously should the therapist search for the evidence. Both interpretations are precisely that — interpretations, not truths — and thus influenced by the prevailing concerns of society. Just as Freud cannot be separated from the culture of fin-de-siècle Europe, so recovered memory is part of American culture at the end of this century.

But the consequences of the two are far from similar. Believing that your problems stem from penis envy and oedipal rivalry is harmless in itself. Believing that they are the result of incest with your father is a devastating conclusion, whose consequences can hardly be exaggerated. Convictions for murder and rape have been obtained in America solely on the basis of recovered memories.

People who have been abused or raped do require therapy — not to help them to remember the rape, but usually to stop that memory interfering with every moment of their existence. Uncovering hidden "memories" of abuse is not just a well-meaning attempt to explain human emotions, but a dangerous excursion into uncharted territory.

● Making Monsters: False memories, psychotherapy and sexual hysteria *by Richard Ofshe and Ethan Watters (Charles Scribner's. $23.)*

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Matthew Parris



■ Why not pop over for a weekend in an unspoilt part of Spain? Because that is not what European 'union' is about

Garrotxa is a name few English speakers could pronounce, let alone recognise. It is Catalan, pronounced "Garrotcha", means "wild place" and denotes a huge area of north-eastern Spain between Barcelona and the French border, inland from the Costa Brava. Roughly speaking, La Garrotxa is the foothills and southern slopes of the Pyrenees at the Mediterranean end. I am here for a long weekend.

It is a wildly beautiful place. Fairly sparsely populated, it supports isolated farms and tiny stone-built villages but is otherwise almost entirely covered in forest, mixed oak, beech, hazel and holly. A few square miles of such a forest would, in England, be celebrated, protected and picnicked all over. A thousand square miles of such forest here in the Garrotxa is not even designated a national park, little known and little visited. Now, in the autumn, the yellows, browns and oranges are magnificent: nuts, berries and beech leaves are everywhere. The climate is not unlike southern Britain but with clearer skies.

I am staying with my sister, who lives here. Our own area of the Garrotxa is distinguished by huge cliff systems running for many miles and as much as 500ft high. The cliffs are of sheer, bare, *striated rock*, wooded at their feet and right up to their edges, stepping the forests into big slabs of green, delineated by breath-taking drops.

The Garrotxa is full of timid, unobtrusive wildlife. There are red squirrels, wildcats, snakes (mostly harmless) and pine martens. There are also wild boar in increasing numbers. It seems these enormous, fearsome but rather retiring beasts have mated with domestic sows escaped from farms, to produce a hybrid species which we might call "*fairly* wild boar". Fairly wild boar have litters of about ten, like domestic pigs, rather than the three or four that wild boar usually have, and so they are reproducing at twice the normal rate. Because they are only fairly wild, they are also easier to shoot, and local huntsmen describe with relish what is really the porcine equivalent of the British pheasant.

If I were to describe in a sentence this lovely part of Europe, it would be to compare it to New England — Connecticut or Massachusetts. There is the same sense of limitless woodland but without the freeways, with higher hills and bolder rock formations, and with the snow-capped Pyrenees always in view.

You could be here in two or three hours. Barcelona and Gerona airports are less than two hours from Heathrow or the Midlands, and you can hire a car for about £25 a day. A small railway runs from Barcelona, up through the high Pyrenees and over to France. There are little hotels or hostels in every town and many villages and you can find a bed for £20 or less, often including a meal. Food is tasty if simple (salads, grilled meats and sausages; Catalans are not wild about vegetables, except beans) and standards of cleanliness and comfort are good. You will find few other foreign tourists here. La Garrotxa is prized by Catalans but, away from the Costa Brava, human pressure is just so much less in Spain than in England.

Why don't you come here next weekend for a long weekend? I'll tell you the two most likely reasons why. The return airfare would cost you nearly as much as a return flight to New York — £200 to £300 — and you probably don't speak Spanish, let alone Catalan, the two languages universally spoken here.

Yet it must be possible to carry passengers at package holiday rates — £100 plus — and make a healthy profit. One would need to fill the aircraft, but at that price one could. Unfortunately, British Airways and Iberia have the scheduled market sewn up and no talk of air-fare "liberalisation" seems to budge them. There are complicated advance-booking schemes which bring down the fare — but travel at whim is impossible.

> Why spend so much on 'union' at the level which means the least to people?

As for the Spanish language, in our schools it remains the poor relation of French and German, which are widely taught but rarely mastered. Rudimentary Spanish can be mastered in about three weeks and will take you round the world.

I should like, in three paragraphs, to make the Euro-sceptical case for European integration. Why do we spend so much time, money and anger over "harmonisation" and "union" at the level which means the least to ordinary people?

Who cares whether there is a "European Parliament"? Who cares about the shape of bananas, the colour of passports or the social chapter? These are the province of politicians and busybodies, those whose instinct is always to compel rather than to invite or to offer. They polarise where they should unite.

But if we spent a hundredth of what we spent on the common agricultural policy on teaching Spanish in Britain — offering good, cheap, part-time, accessible courses — and if politicians stopped "supporting" their airlines in cartels which lift fares beyond the ordinary passenger's reach, then you might easily read an article like this, think "I'll take Friday off and go walking in the Garrotxa", and end up a European in a sense that Jacques Delors will never know.

In an interview with *The Times*, Silvio Berlusconi reveals that he is inspired by Baroness Thatcher

Italy learns from the Iron Signora

As we left Rome at dawn on Saturday, the police were getting ready for the day of protest. There was a handsome troop of mounted Carabinieri by the side of S Maria Maggiore, but so early in the morning the red banners had not yet arrived. The evening before I had interviewed Silvio Berlusconi, the Prime Minister of Italy, at the end of a week in which he had been contending with the budget — there is a confidence vote today — with pending trade union protests, with the floods and with the restiveness of his partners of the Northern League. It was apparently the first interview that Signor Berlusconi had given to a British journalist since he became Prime Minister. I found him notably fresh and in vigorous spirits, at times punching out his lines as though I were the whole Italian electorate. He left on me the impression that he would make a good friend, but bad enemy.

Towards the end of the interview he gave the key to what he is trying to achieve, to how he sees his situation. He said that he had just finished reading Baroness Thatcher's memoirs but had been fascinated to find how many of the situations she had faced were similar to those he had had to face. "Please tell Lady Thatcher I consider myself one of her disciples. I have learnt from her." This was no mere message of politeness. He had earlier said that he had two portraits in his bedroom. One was of Justinian, the great emperor and law-giver who restored the later Roman Empire, and the other of Lady Thatcher. When he was a young man, setting out in business, he had a portrait of Gianni Agnelli on his wall.

The situation of Italy early in 1994 was in some ways much worse than that of Britain when Lady Thatcher came to power in 1979, but there are interesting parallels. The postwar consensus in politics had broken down. The old political class had been discredited, far more completely in Italy than in the Britain of the 1970s. The economy was dominated by badly run public industries and by endless and frustrating regulations. People had come to believe that no real change was possible, and the institutions of the State and the media were stacked with people who had either despaired or believed that a further move to the Left was actually desirable. Over everything brooded the excessive power of the trade unions. In two respects, however, Signor Berlusconi had had to face problems which did not confront Lady Thatcher.

In 1994 the old Italian political class had proved to be deeply tainted with corruption, which had become the normal way of financing the political parties in the government. The parties outside government were naturally free of significant corruption, but they were the more extreme parties, on the Left and the Right. Britain in 1979 had no comparable problem. Italy also had an untried and only partially reformed electoral system, whereas Lady Thatcher was operating in a system which gave a reforming government the power it needed.

Signor Berlusconi considers that he has already achieved three advances towards the necessary general reform of the Italian system. The first was to put together a party which represented reform, by "trying to introduce in every sector of the State the principles of private enterprise and individual responsibility". He created Forza Italia and negotiated a four-party electoral coalition of the Right, with one fraction of the old Christian Democrats, with the Northern League — which is his least reliable partner — and with Gianfranco Fini and the National Alliance — they can be regarded as an ex-Fascist party, with policies which are the approximate Italian equivalent of Gaullism in France. His coalition won the election, which would otherwise have been won by a left wing dominated by the old Italian Communists.

His third achievement was to restart Italy as an effective national economy. In the first six months, the new government has taken urgent measures to relaunch investment, offering a 50 per cent tax allowance on new investment and helping the start-up of new small and very small businesses by giving them a three-year tax holiday. Italy has a very large small-business sector; its four million small companies are the heart of the Italian economy and, of course, a major electoral force. The government also relaunched public construction, as well as private, with a target of two million new jobs in two years.

William Rees-Mogg

Neither forming the coalition, winning the election, nor taking these first emergency measures was as easy as it might seem, now that they have been achieved. Like Lady Thatcher in 1979, Signor Berlusconi believed that a victory for the Left would face Italy with a future without freedom and prosperity. When he began his political work, after a lifetime as a successful entrepreneur, the Right, though in a majority in the country, was hopelessly divided. The culture of the Left had spread through the trade unions, schools, universities and the media — though his power in television obviously counteracted it there. He is indeed under continuous attack, as one can read in any Italian newspaper. "The attacks I am subject to today are from people who felt they had already won."

The achievements to date are, however, only part of his major reform plans for Italy; he has won the first battle; there is now a vigorous counter-attack, with many accusations and many red banners unfurled; there will be decisive battles to come which will decide the future of Italian democracy. My judgment is that Berlusconi's reforms now have the personal and political momentum to carry them through the eye of the storm, but that is a minority view among political observers. Certainly the obstacles he faces are formidable; defeat would be disastrous for Italy, but is not impossible.

What still has to be achieved is the political, economic and constitutional reform. Politically, Signor Berlusconi has to hold together a difficult coalition in which his most reliable allies are Signor Fini's National Alliance; they are endlessly reminded of their Fascist origins but are growing steadily in political strength. The great advantage of Signor Berlusconi's position is that the Italian popular majority is on the Right, not on the Left. But he has the responsibility of holding the coalition together: "I am trying to gain my place in Paradise because of the amount of patience I need each day."

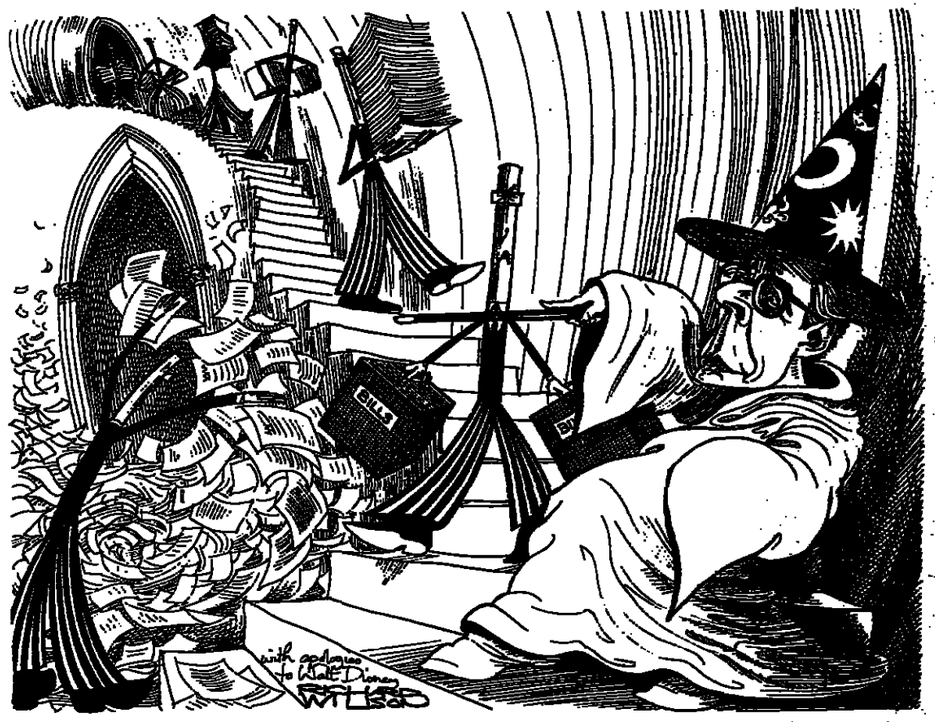
Economically, Italy has to bring both public debt and expenditure under control, needs to privatise the vast and inefficient state industries, and needs desperately to deregulate. Italy is almost certainly the most grotesquely over-regulated country in the European Union. "The administrative system is 100 years out of date." Constitutionally, there are questions about the new majority system, about the regions, and about the powers of the presidency. The coalition is divided on these issues, with Forza Italia in the middle. There will also be issues about Europe, for Italy as much as for Britain.

The Prime Minister wants to take this process of reform as far as he can in this parliament. He wants to complete the budget, without which both debt and future expenditure would continue to run out of control. At some point the inherent divisiveness of Italian politics, as most commentators suppose, will force a general election. The question then will be — as it was for Britain in 1983 — whether a private-enterprise revolution should be continued, or whether Italy should turn to the Left.

On Thursday I shall be writing further about Italy's extremely important attitude towards Europe, about the character and ideas of Signor Fini and the National Alliance, and about the growing sympathy between British and Italian policy — we are now the two outsiders of Europe. I feel that the wind of the modern world which has blown Bill Clinton onto the rocks in America is still filling the sails of Forza Italia.

Give us good laws, not more

Good government is a matter of quality not quantity, writes **Peter Riddell**



The Queen's Speech is usually judged in terms of the quantity of Bills proposed rather than their quality. On Wednesday, each Whitehall department will proudly be highlighting how many Bills it has secured for the coming year. But hardly anyone asks whether these will make good law.

Lawyers, businessmen and other affected parties are not clamouring for new legislation. Rather, they complain that there are too many Bills, they are badly and hastily drafted, contain too many defects and require subsequent amendment. Ask most MPs what features most in their postbags and it is complaints about the Child Support Act — inherent flaws which were not appreciated sufficiently when the measure was debated by Parliament in 1990-91.

Two heavyweight reports in the past 20 years have focused on the legislative process — the Renton committee in 1975 and a Hansard Society commission under Lord Rippon early last year. Both were highly critical. Some improvements have been made since the 1970s. There is more consultation, with greater use of draft clauses, particularly of tax proposals. Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, has been a cautious reformer, and has published draft Bills, notably on the reform of Sunday shopping hours last year, with another one possible this session.

Yet the Hansard Society commission concluded that, despite the range of criticisms over the past 20 years, "almost nothing has been done to improve the situation". Typical was the comment of Lord Justice Mustill in 1991 that he found it impossible "to discern with any accuracy" the spirit of a section of a 1988 Act on capping local spending (one of more than 140 measures on local government since 1979) because "I believe that in all the *flurry of legislation, evasive action* and counter-legislation, the point under review has not been fully thought out". Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI, recently complained that lack of consultation, poor drafting and an inadequate process of scrutiny could lead to bad law and expensive ambiguities which have to be resolved in the courts. Even when reforms are introduced, as with the unified Budget, the scope for proper parliamentary scrutiny has been reduced, not increased.

The root problem is a culture of legislative activism which applies whichever party is in power and which *is partly fed by the prominence* of pressure and lobbying groups. Departments feel they have to put forward a couple of Bills a year and

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ministers, and party whips, regard their successful passage as marks of their own success. Similarly, there is a myth that legislation is, or should be, the primary role of Parliament, rather than scrutiny of the executive and airing of grievances. The volume of legislation has continued to increase since 1979, not just main Acts but also statutory instruments setting out detailed provisions, whose number has increased by a half since the 1970s. As Lord Howe of Aberavon, who has been responsible for plenty of laws himself, has admitted: "We are making too much law — the system is overloaded."

Moreover, it is not just that the new laws are bad, but long-needed measures to deal with anomalies and to simplify the statute book are being squeezed out. No minister wins headlines from such tidying-up Bills. The Law Commission complained in *its annual report in April that law* reform Bills all faced a "titantic struggle" for parliamentary time. The commission gave warning that the "integrity of the law" was suffering and it was often "only the ingenuity of our judges which conceals with judicial sticking plaster the depth of the fault-lines".

The first requirement is to ensure that Bills are properly drafted before they are formally presented to Parliament. This means sufficient pre-legislative consultation. After a recent conference, Malcolm Gammie, chairman of the Institute for Fiscal Studies executive committee, noted widespread dissatisfaction about lack of openness, lack of time and resources and a failure to explain and report conclusions. Government is thought just to pay lip-service to consultation. However, partly thanks to Lord Rippon, chairman of the Hansard Society commission, some of its proposals on more open consultation have been built into the provisions in the new Deregulation and Contracting Out Act for scrutiny of deregulation orders.

All the time, however, there is the pressure of time. Everyone involved, not least the draftsmen, complains that all stages are invariably rushed. That is often the excuse given for not using the existing procedures for special standing committees of MPs to examine the practical aspects of Bills after their second reading. The inadequacy of paliamentary scrutiny has been exposed by a whole series of Bills — from the Child Support and Dangerous Dogs Acts to the poll-tax legislation. A fascinating new book on the poll tax, *Failure in British Government*, by David Butler, Andrew Adonis and Tony Travers, concludes that "Parliament was a rubber stamp". Indeed, the Environment Select Committee did not examine poll tax during the debate in the mid-to-late 1980s because its Tory chairman had decided against becoming involved in subjects of "major political controversy".

The Hansard Society commission recommended a two-year legislative programme with some big Bills being carried over from one session to the next and with systematic timetabling of all legislation. Select committees should also become more involved in considering legislation. Proposals along these lines have been suggested by Labour's Derek Fatchett in a new Fabian discussion paper this morning and form part of a comprehensive package being put forward by his fellow Labour MP, Graham Allen.

Agreed reform can only cover procedures rather than the substance of Bills — on which the parties will always disagree. So it is not a question of being a radical or a consolidator. That is a choice of political strategy. It is the more basic question of whether we have a competent Government and a Parliament that produces laws which achieve their stated aim and are intelligible. At present, we have neither.

Muscling in

ACTION MEN Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone are spoiling for a legal scrap. The men with muscles on their muscles are fighting two tiny Indian restaurant owners they believe are hijacking the name of their upmarket London theme restaurant, Planet Hollywood.

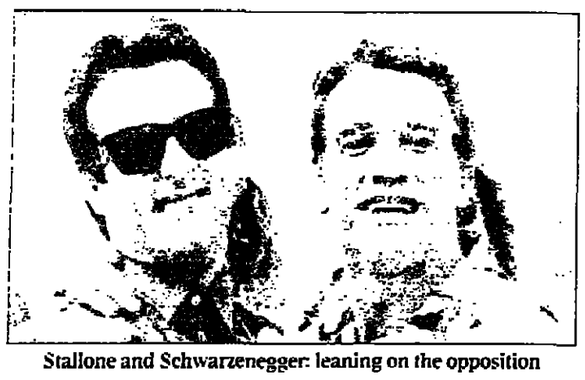
Jamal Miah, 25, and his brother Jitu, 23, have set up Planet Bollywood Ltd, after the less well known Bombay film industry. Arnie and Sly have retaliated by threatening a writ to try to force the company, which is opening an Indian restaurant in north London, to cease trading.

Like Planet Hollywood, the Indian restaurant will be decked out with film memorabilia, but from India rather than Beverly Hills. "I cannot understand why they are throwing their weight around," puzzles Sakhawat Hussain, a spokesman for the brothers. "We are hardly major competition."

Planet Hollywood, a multi-million-pound venture which is also backed by Hollywood heavy Bruce Willis, opened in a blaze of publicity last year.

"We cannot match them for money or muscle. But we will fight them all the way," promises Mr Hussain.

Andrew Ingles, lawyer for Planet Hollywood, does not play down the issue. "This is important. Planet Bollywood would dilute the reputation of Planet Hollywood, which is trying to protect its intellectual property rights. They designed the trade mark. It is important to stop this before anyone else gets on the bandwagon."



Stallone and Schwarzenegger: leaning on the opposition

Dog's dinner

MY REPORT that the American Ambassador to the Court of St James's, Admiral William Crowe, and his wife Shirley are to have their nine-year-old labrador, Mele, home in time for Thanksgiving on November 24 has prompted unusual excitement in the pet food industry. Spillers Foods in New Malden has sent a hamper of goodies.

Mele has endured almost six months' quarantine, relieved only by weekly visits with biscuits. "The hamper includes a generous supply of turkey so the dog won't feel left out when the rest of the family tuck in to their Thanksgiving meal," says a spokeswoman.

Pretty passes

EVEN THE rather more graceful game of women's soccer is not immune from sleaze allegations. In 1921, footballing damsels were banned from playing at league grounds by the male-dominated Football Association amid dark rumours of financial irregularities.

A history of the pioneers of women's football, the *Dick, Kerr Ladies Football Club*, out this month, has uncovered an FA memo stating that not only was the game unsuitable for females, but "complaints have also been made about the appropriation of receipts to other than charitable objects".

● *ARCH ROYALIST Lord St John of Fawsley is nothing if not tactful. He entertained Princess Margaret at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on Saturday evening. A discreet cover was placed over Oliver Cromwell, who was not so civil to her forebear Charles I, and whose portrait hangs above High Table.*

Star date

AS A young man, starry-eyed Jonathan Aitken moved heaven and earth to succeed in affairs of the heart. For the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, while a reporter on the *Evening Standard* in the late 1960s, used a week covering for the astrology columnist to full advantage.

By coincidence, I hear, he had a hot date that week with a lady who took a keen interest in planetary punditry. So Aitken craftily penned unambiguous predictions under her star sign. She would meet a tall, dark stranger to whose advances she should surrender.

"He claims it worked," says one friend.

Press gang

A SURPRISE name has emerged as a front-runner for a key position on the Press Complaints Commission, which will be given a major shake-up if and when Lord Wakeham takes over as chairman. Sir Bernard Ingham, the scourge of political journalists when he was Baroness Thatcher's press secretary, has been mooted as a possible lay member.

The commission is anxious that the new regime has a heavy hitter who can go on radio and television to put over its case more effectively than the hapless Lord McGregor of Durris, the outgoing chairman.

"Wakeham, never at ease in front of the camera, would delegate the task to doughty Sir Bernard, who would be a much tougher proposition," says one industry insider. "He scares journalists to death."



● *SIMON CALLOW is caught in Michelle Pfeiffer's web. He's off to Hollywood to play a grasshopper opposite her spider in Disney's version of Roald Dahl's* James and the Giant Peach. *The bonus, for him, is he won't be seen on screen. "We're just doing the voices," he explains. "I hate watching myself. I only saw* Four Weddings and a Funeral *once, for that reason."*

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NO RESPITE IN JAVA

Clinton's 'new Pacific community' is still a pious hope

The convoluted courtesies of diplomacy in Asia are a change of air for Bill Clinton after last week's political battering. His welcome in the Philippines was warm (he even played the saxophone); and Indonesia's President Suharto is determined to make tomorrow's summit of the 18-member Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum in Bogor a public relations success — the latest "aid for arms" controversy permitting.

It may not turn out that way for Mr Clinton. Last year, he welcomed Apec to Seattle and glowed with enthusiasm for a "new Pacific community". But Washington has found that converting this into anything more than rhetoric is dauntingly difficult. Since "economic security" is one of the few useable shots still in the Clinton campaign locker of 1992, the allure of turning Apec into the world's biggest free trade zone is obvious. The trouble is that this goal, which Mr Clinton hopes to bring closer this week by securing an Apec agreement to abolish trade barriers by 2020, is far from being shared by all Apec's members. And since most of the smaller countries have ratified Gatt's Uruguay Round treaty, while Congress has yet to do so, he is ill-placed to lecture the sceptics.

Apec was formed only five years ago as an informal network, so informal that China deigned to sit at the same table with Taiwan and Hong Kong. It has the great merit of providing a forum which reaches from Canada to Australia, and from the Atlantic seaboard to the Indian Ocean. Together, its 18 members account for 41 per cent of world trade today — and an expected 50 per cent by 2000. The Asian members, excluding Japan, are growing at an average of 7 per cent a year, and will spend $1,000 billion in infrastructure alone over the next decade.

But efforts to penetrate this market, as Europeans have also found, run up against visible and invisible barriers, ranging from strict limits on foreign investment and domestic content rules to bureaucratic obstruction and corruption in high places. America imports more from most Apec members than it sells to them; China and Japan alone account for more than half America's $150 billion trade deficit. The US wants to turn Apec into an effective forum to address these issues. But its members cannot even agree about the nature of Apec, which is little more so far than "four adjectives in search of a noun", as Gareth Evans, Australia's Foreign Minister, put it in a moment of exasperation earlier this year.

Asia has never been promising territory for alliance-builders. Governments in the region are run by close-knit élites who rely on informal networks. Even the relatively homogeneous Association of South-East Asian Nations, which now comprises Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Brunei and was formed in 1967 ostensibly to promote economic co-operation but actually as a tacitly anti-communist alliance, has little substance. The new Asian Regional Forum, intended to lessen security tensions, probably never will: most of its Asian members distrust each other, and deal with disputes — such as occupied East Timor or the Spratly Islands — by pretending they do not exist. As for Apec, it has all the drawbacks of grouping 18 countries, as disparate as Chile and Papua New Guinea, across cultural, economic and political divides. Apec is still far from being the solid organisation America and Australia would like it to be. As Malaysia, which suspects Apec of being a Trojan horse for American hegemony in Asia, gleefully points out, it is not even committed to stay in existence beyond 1995.

Mr Clinton wants firm rules governing foreign investment; he will almost certainly have to rest content with agreement on "non-binding principles". There will be no more than a paper commitment to free trade by 2020: even President Suharto, officially a convert to free markets, is on record that by this, he does not mean "setting up a liberal economic system that allows free competition". Such tepid fare will not appeal to the US Congress, which wants solid commitments by Apec members to open their markets. Mr Clinton is in a cleft stick in Indonesia: the Republicans will be quick to accuse him of failing to promote American interests aggressively enough; but Asian politicians are notably allergic to "results-oriented" diplomacy, above all on trade. A perception of failure could be disastrous. Congress meets in special session on November 29 to vote on the Gatt Uruguay Round treaty. As Mr Clinton inhales Java's balmy air, he will feel the chill wind of home at his back.

HIPPOCRATIC TRUSTS

The BMA spits out its managers' medicine

Spare a thought for Roy Lilley, chairman of the Homewood NHS Trust in Surrey, on whose head has now descended the wrath of the British Medical Association. His observations on the nature of a doctor's duty in a modern healthcare system have been taken out of context, shaken and stirred, and then poured out for public consumption as some sort of anti-Hippocratic brew. Some of Mr Lilley's words may not have been diplomatic; but the thrust of his article, to be published later this month in *Healthcare Today*, is unimpeachable: in order to serve their patients to the best of their ability and judgment, doctors must ensure that they are organised, properly trained and loyal to the organisation in which they serve. No patient could possibly disagree with that.

The NHS reforms were instituted for a variety of reasons: to separate the roles of purchaser and provider in healthcare, to plug the system's "management deficit", and to allow the principles of the market to play a role in the treatment of patients. The reforms are unloved by the medical establishment: most particularly, it has refused to see the merits of self-governing hospital trusts. Conflict between consultants and trust managers has, sadly, been an all too common feature of today's politics of medicine.

There are two reasons for this, neither of which reflects well on those who have opposed reform. The first, and specious, reason is that a layer of management is thought to interfere with the relationship between doctor and patient, one which the rhetoric of the profession has imbued with almost mystical status. Yet the purpose of the trust system is to ensure that all patients benefit from a responsible use of resources: in addition to a doctor's duties to any individual patient, the NHS has duties to patients on a wider scale. This is what Mr Lilley has said, albeit intemperately.

The second source of conflict is the power struggle which has emerged between administrators — such as John Spiers, the chairman of the Brighton Health Trust who was thrown off his saddle in September — and consultants. It is no surprise that James Johnson, chairman of the BMA's consultants' committee, has described Mr Lilley's views as "completely outrageous". Before the reforms, consultants had the run of the medical show; the NHS had been administered in a very hierarchical, almost feudal, way. Decisions which used to be taken, sometimes badly, by consultants — such as the allocation of resources, the size of departments, or the number of registrars — are now taken by people like Mr Lilley. The chairman of the Homewood Trust has touched a vested interest as well as a raw nerve. His bedside manner may not have been perfect, but there is nothing wrong with his prescription.

CRASH PRIX

Damon Hill has shown sporting spirit as well as true grit

A controversial collision decided the Formula One championship, which was already thick with controversy. Michael Schumacher led Damon Hill by a single point at the start of yesterday's Australian Grand Prix. The rivals drove within two seconds of each other throughout their final duel of the season. Then on the 35th lap, Schumacher's Benetton Ford clipped Hill's Williams Renault as Hill was trying to pass, and both cars were forced out of the race. The winner was that old comeback king, Nigel Mansell.

So by the smallest possible score Schumacher becomes Germany's first Formula One world motor racing champion. Such a nose-cone finish may be more exciting than the world championship looked like being after the French Grand Prix, when Schumacher had won seven out of eight races. But it is unsatisfactory for a championship to be decided by such default. On a perfect track it should end with the chequered flag waved and champagne sprayed rather than the arithmetic of points.

There is no wonder that cars competing aggressively for centimeters of tarmac should collide. Like runners, drivers try to block pursuers, within the laws. But at their speeds, misjudgment by a fraction of a second can make the difference between overtaking and disaster. It is not unprecedented for the world championship to be settled by a collision such as yesterday's. Ayrton Senna won in 1990 by similar default after a collision with his nearest rival, Alain Prost.

Stewards and other experts are trying to calculate the blame for yesterday's accident. But at the hard edge where the latest technology meets driving skill and courage, it will never be possible to allocate blame precisely. After the race, everybody played up to their stereotypes. Schumacher showed the cold, controlled aggression of a self-confident champion in describing his frustration at seeing Hill drive away from the collision. Acting the part of sporting loser, Hill spoke of a terrific race. Nobody made any of the self-exculpatory uproar of lesser drivers after the slightest touch of bumpers. The mechanics in the pits lived up to the code of mechanics everywhere by pursing their lips at the damage to Hill's car.

When Schumacher is presented with his prize in Paris next month, the new technical regulations for next season will be announced, making the fastest racing cars in the world slightly slower. This has been a deadly season as well as a dramatic one. More should still be done to machines and rules to make racing safer. After the blaze at Hockenheim, the sport needs to consider long and hard whether refuelling should remain an essential part of grand prix racing. But Damon Hill lives to fight another year and has showed the spirit of a true sportsman in his dangerous sport.

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The benefits of immunisation

From the President of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine and others

Sir, In the unhappy controversy surrounding some aspects of the Government's recent measles immunisation campaign (letters, October 31, November 3, 5, 9), there is a grave danger that the principles and practice of immunisation as an established part of public health practice will be damaged.

Within our lifetimes killer diseases such as diphtheria and poliomyelitis have been so far controlled that even isolated cases now become newsworthy events. In the same span of time other diseases, notably rubella and measles, have been so tamed that they no longer contribute to the creation of handicapped children in the way that they did, and that we so clearly remember from our early days in medical practice.

We forget these triumphs of immunisation at our peril. We should not allow our children to face such preventable epidemics again.

We earnestly trust that parents will see through the smokescreen of current controversial statements, recognise the benefits of immunisation to their families and ensure that hard-won gains for both life and health are not jeopardised.

Yours faithfully,
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Britain and Romania

From Mr Michael Sargent

Sir, Sir Rowland Whitehead, Director General of the British Council (letter, November 3), is justifiably proud of the excellent work being done by the small business advisory and training centre in Romania.

It is ironic that at a time when Britain has helped set up an organisation to create small businesses in Romania the Government here at home, by a drastic switch of funding, is well on the way to destroying the local enterprise agencies in this country, set up over the past 11 years, whose success in fostering small businesses has, I believe, become a model for the Romanians.

Funding these agencies for start-up businesses has been cut by as much as 90 per cent this year. Perhaps the British Council can persuade government ministers to reconsider their policy in the UK — even if they have to look to Romania's burgeoning "entrepreneurial culture" to remind themselves why.

Yours faithfully,
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November 4.

From the Director of the East European Trade Council

Sir, I hesitate to contradict Sir Rowland Whitehead, but would point out that although British investment projects in Romania are not comparable in number with those of Germany, the size of each individual project is over five times as high in value.

This puts the UK among the country's top six investors. It is also worth noting that our sales to Romania increased by 40 per cent in the first six months of 1994, whilst Romania's sales to the UK increased by almost 100 per cent in the same period.

This encouraging trend is set to continue.

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High charges to the public for government 'glasnost'

From the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service

Sir, Michael Dynes's report on the cost of open government (November 9) referred to the Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS) setting a charge of up to £3,000 to identify local authorities reporting salmonella food poisoning. As we are bound to respect the confidentiality of environmental health departments and others who report incidents to us, this charge reflected the need for us to seek permission from numerous local authorities to the release of their names.

Although the PHLS is not subject to the code of practice on access to government information, we hope we shall be covered by a similar code which is being developed for the NHS. Nevertheless, in the spirit of openness, we had already, over a period of time, provided the individual whose inquiry was the subject of the £3,000 charge with much data and analyses free of charge.

The same individual's latest request would, however, have entailed the searching of approximately 1,000 paper records going back over some six years in order for us to be able to seek the necessary permission from all relevant authorities. As a public body, we have an obligation to recover the costs of such work.

Yours sincerely,
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From the Director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England

Sir, The problems of public bodies "profiteering at the public's expense", as the Campaign for Freedom of Information alleges, by charging for information go well beyond central government and its agencies ("Glasnost for sale", leading article, November 9).

The CPRE's survey of 293 local authorities this year found more than 40 per cent charge £1 or more for an A4 photocopy and a growing number of councils demand over £40 for land-use planning documents ostensibly issued for public consultation. One in four councils are breaking the law by not listing the background information used in preparing reports to their committees.

What price open government and Citizen's Charters when obstructive practices are putting public participation out of reach of people's pockets? A review of legislation and some clear guidance from government are both urgently needed if the rhetoric of citizen involvement is to be matched by reality.

Yours faithfully,
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From Professor Harold Thimbleby

Sir, A hundred pounds to get a single sheet of information out of our Government makes us look embarrassingly archaic compared with the US.

Using the Internet, it took me only a couple of minutes to obtain a full-colour "inter-active citizen's handbook" [sic] entitled "Welcome to the White House", and then a moment to find and get an article, "Creating a government that works better and costs less" (that is, the US government's working better and costing less — not ours).

I also have free access to recorded speeches, photographs, and much more US data. All of this information comes to my desktop computer here in London, and I can print what I want at leisure. I am not even a US citizen.

If our Government decided to use computers properly, then vast amounts of information *could* be made publicly available (and it would not need photocopying).

This is not just a matter of the British citizen's effective right to know, maybe thwarted by excessive pricing, but a serious issue about the international reputation of Britain as a technological backwater.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Barrie Lane

Sir, Freedom of information does require low fees and I cannot understand why the Government does not set the fees for copying, as it does for the electoral register.

The cost of the register to the public is £25 per 1,000 names. Thus all the names of the entire adult voting population of the UK can be and are acquired — mainly by credit and mail order companies — for under £1 million. If that is not cheap, compared with the going commercial rate, I do not know what is.

Of course, whether this facility is of benefit to the taxpayer and the public is another matter.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Nigel Brooks

Sir, Amongst the vaunted objectives of the new Trade Marks Act is reduction in cost of registration. In pursuit of this, the Trade Marks Registry has recently published its latest internal manual of practice at £500 a copy. The cost of the equivalent 12 chapters of the previous manual, published between 1984 and 1990, was £239.19.

Yours faithfully,
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Memorial arboretum

From Commander David Childs, RN

Sir, After the death in 1992 of Lord Cheshire, VC, founder of the World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief, the fund's trustees wished to create something tangible to perpetuate its message of hope and homage. "Remember a life to save a life" is the motto of the fund.

It is for this reason that the Prime Minister has launched an appeal for the planting of a National Memorial Arboretum within the National Forest in Staffordshire, along the banks of the Trent, to stand for all time as a lasting tribute to the wartime generations of this century.

It will provide a central and visible acknowledgement of our debt to all those whose lives were affected by war and it will also be a gift in their memory for future generations to enjoy and reflect upon. Individuals or groups will be welcome to have a memorial tree planted in its grounds, with each of the names of those recalled recorded in a book of remembrance. Some of the money raised will go to support the World Memorial Fund's practical work.

It was Leonard Cheshire's wish to raise £5 for each life lost. This is the minimum sum requested for the planting of a tree; but, of course, the greater the sum raised the more fitting will be both the tribute to past and the care of future victims of conflict.

Yours faithfully,
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US elections

From Professor David McKay

Sir, In her Notebook (November 10) Kate Muir claims that the "last similar turnaround" in the US mid-term elections was in 1930 when the Democrats won 54 seats from the Republicans.

In fact they won 53 House seats and eight Senate seats in that year but the Republicans remained in control of Congress. This compares with a Democratic loss of 55 House and 12 Senate seats in 1946 when they lost both houses.

The Democrats did, of course, go on to win the 1948 presidential election and to recapture control of Congress with sizeable majorities.

In 1950 the Republicans did not recapture the House as William Rees-Mogg asserts ("Take a sharp right", November 10). In fact the Democrats held on to a 33-seat majority.

If we are looking for historical precedents, 1946 is a much better example than either 1930 or 1950. We should also remember, however, that history rarely repeats itself — especially in American politics.

Yours,
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Hopes for Bosnia

From the Bishop of Barking

Sir, As one who has campaigned and prayed for justice and peace in Bosnia for the last two years I was delighted to read of "the start of a new era", that Anthony Loyd describes in his report (November 7) on the new situation in Bosnia.

There is still a long way to go but my prayer now is that the Bosnian government forces will show tolerance and compassion, not vindictiveness and hatred, as they liberate land that is justly theirs. If they do this there will truly be the start of a new era in Bosnia.

It would then be my hope that the Bosnian government would enjoy the same level of international support that the new government in South Africa receives as they both work for a multi-ethnic and multi-faith society.

Yours sincerely,
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Price of a passport

From Mr A. S. Arnold-Brown

Sir, British, with British parents, my third daughter was born in India on March 2, 1956, during my brief period as a headmaster in Hyderabad. Later that month, filling in a very long form to establish her nationality, I showed British parents, British home, bank account, school, university, etc, and came to the final question: "Is there anything else you can show us to establish . . .?

"If the reader has reached this point", I replied, "perhaps he or she might care to walk into any graveyard in the British Isles and see whether the name Brown may be . . ." Back came a new form, accompanied by a letter. "Facetious answers are not . . . Please fill in the form again." British citizenship was, eventually, obtained.

I am, yours faithfully,
A. S. ARNOLD-BROWN,
Spindrift,
Sandhills Road, Salcombe, Devon.
November 9.

Sleepless to Scotland

From Mr Clive Thomas

Sir, Your article, "A sleeping-car named desire" (November 7), commenting on the plans to cut the London to Fort William night sleeper service, struck a nostalgic chord.

It was always something of a misnomer to call the old steam train a "sleeper service". As a regular traveller on the line in the late 1950s, the only way one could hope for even a reasonable rest was to be poured on to the train in London after a good dinner and to emerge bleary-eyed in Kilmarnock in time for a traditional Scottish breakfast at Brodie's guest house. It was the 1950s version of today's New York-London "red-eye special".

I can recall only one occasion when sleep came easily. Drawing back the compartment curtains to savour the delights of the Scottish countryside, the view was of dark satanic mills. We had spent the night stationary in a tunnel outside Watford.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE St J. THOMAS,
Hillside House,
Wrotham, Kent.
November 7.

Trade marks trap

From the President of the Institute of Trade Mark Agents

Sir, Patrick Isherwood concluded in his article on the new Trade Marks Act (November 8) that overall the 1994 Trade Marks Act will not be dramatic.

I think this is a gross underestimation as to what is really underlying the whole of the Act, namely the move from a common law system to a European codified system of protection. One of the most misunderstood aspects of the new law is that there is a swing from rights acquired by use to those acquired by registration.

In the past, British companies have been slow to protect their valuable brands, always thinking that they could depend on having first used the mark. It is now clear that the first user will not automatically obtain rights. Until British industry is made aware of this fundamental and dramatic change, the look-alike cases to which Patrick Isherwood refers will continue to plague brand owners.

The Government has made it quite clear that the new Act will provide the protection that is needed for all manner of trade mark characteristics which now even extends to possible smells, provided they are registered as trade marks.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN GROOM, President of the Institute of Trade Mark Agents,
2-6 Sydenham Road,
Croydon, Surrey.
November 8.

From Mr Fred Gouldbourn

Sir, The letter from Mr William King (November 7) highlights the loophole that exists between registering a company at Companies House and the trade mark registration. A company is first registered with Companies House, where a search is done to ensure that there are no duplications of name, but there are no checks from the trade marks registry to ensure that a trade mark is already a company name.

Why can't the two registration groups be merged into one?

Yours faithfully,
FRED GOULDBOURN,
Virgin Computers Ltd,
14 London Road, Purbrook,
Waterlooville, Hampshire.

From Mr J. C. Boff

Sir, Libby Purves ("Slap a patent on that cliché immediately", November 2) expounded on the consequences of the Trade Marks Act 1994, which for the first time allows the legal protection of smells. But her article did not make clear the difference between patents, registered trade marks and copyright.

Patents protect inventions which are new, inventive and useful. Registered trade marks (under the new law) protect signs that are "capable of distinguishing goods or services". Whereas one can readily imagine smells that are "capable of distinguishing", it is difficult to imagine inventive and useful smells: new ones are rare enough.

Journalists should know that copyright protects the original work of authors, whether literary, artistic or musical, but only protects against copying.

Patents and trade marks are monopolies which do not require proof of copying.

Yours sincerely,
J. C. BOFF,
Phillips & Leigh
(Chartered patent agents),
7 Staple Inn, Holborn, WC1.

Crosswords on trains

From Mr John Suchet

Sir, I completed my first *Times* crossword on a Paris suburban train in 1968. Filling in the final clue with a flourish, I looked up expecting if not a round of applause at least some admiring glances. Nothing: and I doubt the Channel Tunnel will do much to improve matters.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SUCHET,
Chiltern Court, Baker Street, NW1.
November 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Lady Elton, Air Vice Marshal Peter Harding and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Fiji and Adi Lady Lala Mara and welcomed His Excellency and Adi Lady Lala Mara on behalf of Her Majesty.

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YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 13: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh laid Wreaths at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

The Lady Elton, Major James Patrick and Major Charles Richards were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, this evening left Heathrow Airport, London, to visit Pakistan, India and Switzerland.

The Lord Buxton of Alsa and Sir Brian McGrath were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 13: The Duke of York laid a Wreath at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 13: The Prince Edward this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from New York, United States of America.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 13: The Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence RN were present this morning during the Ceremony at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

Her Royal Highness afterwards took the Salute at the March Past of Ex-Servicemen on Horse Guards Parade, London SW1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 13: A Wreath was laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by Major Colin Burgess.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 13: The Prince of Wales laid a Wreath at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

His Royal Highness, Colonel, Welsh Guards, this afternoon attended a Remembrance Day Service at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

Captain Mark Dyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 13: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this morning during the ceremony at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 13: The Duke of Kent this morning laid a wreath on the occasion of Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 13: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present this morning during the Ceremony at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Members of the National Dance Troupe of Malaysia meeting WPC Veronica Carter and Gambit in Hyde Park after arriving in Britain yesterday for a charity tour

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Licensed Victuallers' School at Ascot at 2.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society and Patron of the British Red Cross Youth, will attend a reception at Lancaster House at 6.35 to launch the 125 Society in connection with the 125th birthday of the British Red Cross in 1995.

The Princess Royal, Patron of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, will preside at the morning session of the Voluntary Organisations Conference at Glaziers' Hall at 10.30; as Patron of The National Coaching Foundation, will attend the United Kingdom Coach of the Year Awards at the Café Royal at 12.30; as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will attend the annual meeting at Earls Park Inn Hotel, Lillie Road, SW6, at 4.50; and, as Patron of International Health Exchange, will attend a dinner meeting at the Royal College of Nursing at 7.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the annual dinner of the British Association Sovereign Military Order of Malta at the Cavalry and Guards Club, at 8.00.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in October 1994. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:
M Baines, C Birkinshaw, E P Blackshaw, S P Brown, W Byers, P Cooper, T H W Crocker, A De, F Diederich, C R Farrar, S R Fletcher, A G Gasson, J Haley, D P Laing, W W T Manser, G M Moody, S Murray, S N Oliver, J K Prior, J M C Reid, R M Scott, T J Simpson, J R Thomas, W F Tinto, T D Tribbeck, J E Van Tilborg, J C Wahlich.

Appointment

Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851

Rear Admiral J.P.W. Middleton to be secretary to the commissioners from January 1, in succession to Mr M.C. Neale who is retiring.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lucas von Hildebrandt, architect, Genoa, 1668; Robert Fulton, pioneer of the steamboat, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1765; Marie Francois Bichat, physiologist, Thoirette, Jura, 1771; Sir Charles Lyell, geologist, Kinnordy, Tayside, 1797; John Curwen, music teacher, founder of the tonic sol-fa system, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, 1816.

Claude Monet, painter, Paris, 1840; Leo Hendrick Baekeland, inventor of Bakelite, Belgium, 1863; Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, first Prime Minister of India 1947-64, Allahabad, 1889; Sir Frederick Banting, physician, Nobel laureate 1923, Alliston, Ontario, 1891.

Aaron Copland, composer, New York, 1900; Michael Ramsey, Baron Ramsey of Canterbury, Archbishop of Canterbury 1961-74, Cambridge, 1904.

DEATHS: Gottfried Leibniz, philosopher, Hanover, 1716; Jean Paul Richter, humorist, Bayreuth, 1825; Sir George Tomline, Bishop of Winchester 1820-27, Wimborne, Dorset, 1827; Georg Wilhelm Hegel, philosopher, Berlin, 1831; John Abercrombie, physician, Edinburgh, 1844; Robert Whitehead, inventor of the torpedo, Beckett, Berkshire, 1905; John La Farge, mural painter, Providence, Rhode Island, 1910; Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts, field-marshal, St-Omer, France, 1914.

Hector Munro (Saki), writer, killed in action, France, 1916; Manuel de Falla, composer, Alta Gracia, Argentina, 1946; May Sinclair, novelist, Aylesbury, 1946; Mrs Belloc Lowndes, novelist, Eversley Cross, Hampshire, 1947.

The Jacobites were defeated at Preston and Sheriffmuir, 1715.

The first London to Brighton motor run was held, 1896.

Coventry Cathedral was destroyed by enemy bombs, 1940.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: C M Coates — RCDS; D J Russell — RCDS.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: W R D W Lash — HQRM 20.11.94.

COMMANDER: S R L Chelton — MOD London 25.8.95; T C Chittenden — MOD London 19.5.95; R W Gibb — MOD Bath 23.12.94; S R Gosden — Cornwall 31.3.95; G D McEwan — MOD Bath 20.1.95; B F Pellow — MOD Bath 19.5.95; M A Phelps — Excellent 6.12.94; M C Robb — Cornwall 17.3.95; A R Rymer — Marlborough 7.4.95; M S Underdown — SHAPE Belgium 28.4.95; A Whyntie — Grafton 9.5.95; W T Wiseman — Copenhagen 17.2.95; J C L Wotton — MOD London 16.2.95.

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER: J Bancroft — RNH Haslar 13.2.95; C M Poole — Staff of 2SL/CNH 6.2.95.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: M J R Nestor — 29.1.95; A C Scougall — 31.1.95.

The Army

BRIGADIER: R D O'Lone — To be DA/MA Pakistan. 14.11.94.

COLONEL: C D Lunn — To MOD. 14.11.94; D H Keenan — to BMATT Zimbabwe. 18.11.94.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M J Cronin Int Corps — To MOD, 14.11.94; M R M Eliot QDG — to MOD, 14.11.94; A H Goldsack REME — To MOD, 14.11.94; B Hewitt R Signals — To be CO 16 Sig Regt. 16.11.94; R E L Hodges Kings — To BATUS MAIN, 15.11.94; D J Le Cheminant RLC — To ASMT, 14.11.94; I D McNab — To MOD, 14.11.94.

Royal Air Force

Air Vice-Marshal A J Harrison to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations and Security) from November 21 1994.

AIR COMMODORE: N R Irving — To HQ 1 GP 17.10.94.

GROUP CAPTAIN: P J Dye — To Cranwell 4.11.94; D I Kendrick — To RAF Log Estab 7.11.94; D K Norriss — To HQ STC 10.11.94; P B Walker — To MOD 11.11.94; P J Gooding — To HQ STC 11.11.94.

WING COMMANDER: D J Hayward — To MOD 7.11.94; G I August — To IMS NATO 7.11.94.

Service dinner

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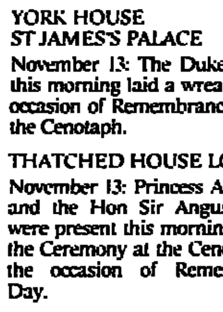
Colonel M.P. Robinson presided at the annual dinner of the 4th Battalion the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (TA) held on Saturday at Minden House, Pontefract.

Nature notes

THE first waxwings have arrived in Scotland and the north of England. They are handsome pinkish-brown birds with a pink crest, a red blob like sealing wax on their wings and a yellow-tipped tail. In some years, when rowan berries are scarce in Scandanavia, they come here in large numbers and feed on cotoneaster berries in urban gardens.

Flocks of starlings are singing in the evening, high on electricity pylons in the fields. Many of them are winter visitors from eastern Europe. Blackbirds are crowding into the hawthorn hedges to feed on the berries, flying out of them with shrill alarm calls at the slightest sign of danger.

On Turkey oaks, brown and green leaves cling to the twigs. The leaves are more sharply indented than those of other oaks and the acorn cups are hairy. The white flowers of yarrow are still to be seen on roadsides: it is a tough, wiry plant with feathery leaves divided into tiny segments.



The roebuck

Solitary roe-deer venture out of the woods to feed in the overgrown stubble fields. Each buck defends a woodland territory where its mate will have her young in the spring.

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Marriages

Mr J.J.R. Chichester and Miss H.J.B. Hartley

The marriage took place on Saturday at Beaulieu Abbey Church of Mr Julian Chichester, younger son of Sir John and the Hon Lady Chichester, of Lymington, Hampshire, to Miss Holly Hartley, younger daughter of Captain J.H.B. Hartley, of London, SW1, and Mrs Keith Martin, of Chittoe, Wiltshire. The Rev Terence Abernethy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Henry Shepherd-Cross, was attended by Molly St Johnston, Emma Rose Leyland, Sabrina McEwen, Charles Chichester, Edward Chichester and Alfred Baker. Mr Marcus Pollen was best man.

A reception was held at Palace House, Beaulieu.

Mr A. Penrose and Mrs R. Steele

The marriage took place between Antony Penrose and Rosalind Steele, née Boughey, on November 4, 1994.

Mr J.G. Ruck Keene and Mrs L.C. Perry

The marriage took place quietly in London on Thursday, November 10, of Mr Jonathan Ruck Keene, youngest son of Mr and Mrs George Ruck Keene, and Mrs Laura Perry, elder daughter of Mr Geoffrey Schomberg and Mrs Clare Lyon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.R.R. d'Ancona and Miss K.O'S. Bergen

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John E. d'Ancona, of Lewisham, south London, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr Thomas Bergen, of Maine, USA, and Mrs Sarah L. Bergen, of Kensington, west London.

Mr A.L. Faulkes and Miss E.C. Tailby

The engagement is announced between András Lajos, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. Faulkes, of Slough, Berkshire, and Elizabeth Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Tailby, of Hazlewood, Derbyshire.

Mr S.C. Kenny and Miss J.C. Willett

The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of the late Mr F.J. Kenny and of Mrs J.E. Kenny, of Romsley, Worcestershire, and Joanna, third daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J. Willett, of Wilden, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire.

Dr C.A. Morris and Dr J.A. Poole

The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Morris, of Kirkcaldy, Fife, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Poole, of Warfield, Berkshire.

Mr C.C.H. Roberts and Miss H.L. Fetherstonhaugh

The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr N.A.H. Roberts and Mrs D.S. Roberts, and Louise, second daughter of Mr C.B.R. Fetherstonhaugh, of Andorra, and Mrs M.S. Cotton, of Abergavenny, Wales.

Latest wills

Nora **Gillespie**, of Astley Bridge, Greater Manchester ...... £734,440.
Mr Frank Herbert **Gilman**, of Morcott, Leicestershire .... £901,145.
Mr John Deaville **Holland**, of Tarporley, Cheshire .... £921,458.

Lord-Lieutenant

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Stewart to be Lord-Lieutenant of Central Region (District of Clackmannan) in succession to the late Earl of Mar and Kellie.

Appointment

Mr John Arbuthnot has succeeded Mr Derek Kingsbury as one of the CBI-nominated members of the Review Board for Government Contracts.

Nominations for high sheriff

The following have been nominated for high sheriff:

England (except Cornwall, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire):

Avon — James Napier Tidmarsh, Clifton, Bristol, George Robin Paget Ferguson, Clifton, Bristol, Michael Harlow Fenton Morley, Priston, Bath.

Bedfordshire — Brian Guy Woodrow, Bedford, John James Maxwell Glasse, Milton Bryan, Milton Keynes, Charles Terence Lousada, Husborne Crawley, Bedford.

Berkshire — Sir William Richard Benyon, Theale, near Reading, Christopher John Spence, Chieveley, Newbury, Major John Roy Trustram Eve, Waltham St Lawrence, Twyford.

Buckinghamshire — Sir Henry Egerton Aubrey-Fletcher, Chilton, Aylesbury, Richard Egerton Morris-Adams, Brill, Sir William Hepburn McAlpine, Fawley, nr Henley-on-Thames.

Cambridgeshire — Mrs Margaret Elspeth Thomas, Stirtloe, Huntingdon, Nigel Hugh Mosman Chancellor, Great Gransden, Sandy, Bedfordshire, William Henry Proby, Elton, Peterborough.

Cheshire — John Michael Pickering, Marston-cum-Lache, Chester, Sir Antony Richard Pilkington, Kingsley, Edward Simon Tudor-Evans, Congleton.

Cleveland — David John Dugdale, Crathorne, Yarm, Richard Augustine Morrissey, Yarm, David Hunter Peart, Hartlepool.

Cumbria — Hugh William Lawson, Carlisle, Henry Charles Fraser Bowring, Barbon, John Henry Fryer-Spedding, Keswick.

Derbyshire — John Maddox Morgan-Owen, Melbourne, Brigadier Charles Edward Wilkinson, Bakewell, Richard Herbert Arthur Perkins, Swadlincote.

Devon — James Humphrey George Woollcombe, Hemerdon Plympton, nr Plymouth, Mrs Julia Mary Victoria Tremlett, Kenn, nr Exeter, Noel Frederic Augustus Page-Turner, Honiton.

Dorset — John Derek Wrighton, Weymouth, Wilfred Joseph Weld, Wareham, Richard Walter Fielding, Longburton, nr Sherborne.

Durham — Robert Sale, Darlington, James Allan Marr, Brancepeth, Michael Philip Weston, Durham City.

East Sussex — Alan Alfred Michael Mays-Smith, Waldron, Heathfield, John Fooks, Beckley, John Whitmore, Hartfield.

Essex — Christopher Ferens Pertwee, Frating, Colchester, Peter Thomas Thistlethwayte, Colchester, Robert Felix Erith, Lamarsh, Sudbury, Suffolk.

Gloucestershire — Frederick Hugh Philip Hamilton Wills, Rendcomb, Cirencester, John Gretton Peel, Fairford, William Gregory Francis Meath-Baker, Hasfield.

Greater London — Graham James Hearne, London NW3, Sir Cyril Julian Hebden Taylor, London W8, Nicholas John Hinton, London SW1.

Hampshire — Commander Miles James Rivett-Carnac, Winchester, Mark Hugh Joseph Radcliffe, Upton, Andover, Mrs Lindsay Garrett Fox, Cheriton, nr Alresford.

Hereford and Worcester — Hugh Bernard Derbyshire, Upton-upon-Severn, Robin Symonds, Hentland, nr Ross-on-Wye, Michael Elliot Howard, Little Witley.

Hertfordshire — Nicholas Guy Halsey, Gaddesden Row, nr Hemel Hempstead, Robert Dimsdale, Barkway, Royston, Richard Walduck, Hatfield.

Humberside — Frank Alan Flear, Waltham, Grimsby, Tom Martin, Beverley, Peter William John Carver, North Cave, East Yorkshire.

Isle of Wight — John James Woodward Afrill, Whitwell, Mrs Judith Ann Griffin, Wootton, Richard Linthorn Bradbeer, Cowes.

Kent — Robin John Baker White, Canterbury, Paul James Cranston Smallwood, Stanford, Ashford, Edwin Roy Pratt Boorman, Wateringbury.

Leicestershire — Joseph Cowen, Lutterworth, George Nicholas Corah, nr Oakham, Rutland, David Barry Owen, Teigh, Oakham, Rutland.

Lincolnshire — David Kenneth Baker, Gedney Dyke, Spalding, James Charles Stewart Reynolds Milligan-Manby, Grimsby, South Humberside, Lady Bruce-Gardyne of Aswardby, Spilsby.

Norfolk — John Oliver Charles Birkbeck, Litcham, Ian Duncan Robertson MacNicol, Melton Constable, Lady Evans-Lombe, Norwich.

Northamptonshire — James Mackaness, Church Brampton, Michael Francis Collcutt, Finedon, Wellingborough, Arthur Robert Heygate, Bugbrooke.

Northumberland — Anthony Russell Wood, Riding Mill, John Francis Christian Fenwick, Hexham, Alexander Gordon Parrott Ramsay, Corbridge

North Yorkshire — Simon Bartholomew Geoffrey Howard, Castle Howard, York, John Leslie Charles Pratt, Lilling, York, Anthony Guy Swaine Chisenhale-Marsh, Mickley, Ripon

Nottinghamshire — George Edmund Peter Thornhill, Winthorpe, Newark, Trevor Forsyth Parr, Widmerpool, Hugh Patrick Matheson, Newark.

Oxfordshire — John Stuart Bridgeman, Hornton, Banbury, Malcolm Ralph Cochrane, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Lady French, Ipsden.

Shropshire — Nicholas Edward Egerton Stephens, Shrewsbury, Timothy William Edward Corbett, Longnor, Shrewsbury, Lady Forester, Broseley.

Somerset — Roy Scrymgeour Graham Hewett, Mells, Christopher Philip Thomas-Everard, Dulverton, Richard Stanton Roy Sheldon, Pilton.

South Yorkshire — Peter Wilton Lee, Sheffield, William George Anthony Warde-Norbury, Doncaster, Michael John Mallett, Sheffield.

Staffordshire — Mrs Joanna Mary Monckton, Stafford, Sampson Eric Mitchell, Woore, nr Crewe, Cheshire, Gerald Raymond Tams, Stafford.

Suffolk — Sir Richard William Hyde Parker, Long Melford, John Kerr, Little Glemham, Woodbridge, Jonathan Martin Paul, Preston, Ipswich.

Surrey — Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, Betchworth, Adrian Nicholas MacDonald Sanders, Buckland, James Douglas Moir Robertson, Sunbury-on-Thames

Tyne and Wear — Dr Alan William Lillington, Sunderland, Dr Michael Litster Fisher, Gosforth, Mrs Sylvia Margaret Murray, Whitley Bay.

Warwickshire — Stephen Geoffrey Evans, Leamington Spa, Major John Waddington Oakes, Shipston-on-Stour, Lady Butler, Lighthorne, Warwick

West Midlands — Professor Sir Frederick William Crawford, Aston University, Derek Arthur Good, Bradley Green, nr Redditch, Worcestershire, Edward Michael Worley, Edgbaston.

West Sussex — Hugh Rowland Wyatt, Findon, John Martyn Drysdale Knight, Arundel, Colonel Sir Brian Walter De Stopham Barttelot, Pulborough

West Yorkshire — Edward Neil Pullan, Bramhope, nr Leeds, John Stephen Behrens, Ripon, Frederick Thomas Benson Jowitt, Ripon.

Wiltshire — David John Randolph, Grittleton, Chippenham, Andrew William Michael Christie-Miller, Alderbury, Salisbury, John Barnard Bush, Heywood, Westbury.

Wales

Clwyd — William Field Glazebrook, Bodfari, Denbigh, Roger Henry William Graham-Palmer, Wrexham, Colonel Sir Charles Douglas Lowther, Wrexham.

Dyfed — Ieuan Wyn Jones, Llidchurch, Narberth, David Clive Jones-Davies, Carmarthen, Evan Daniel Meurig Lloyd, Aberaeron.

Gwent — Richard John Cleeve, Penrhos, Raglan, Ian Donald, Rockfield, Monmouth, Archibald Murray Kerr, Llanfair Kilgeddin, Abergavenny

Gwynedd — William Wyn Roberts, Port Dinorwic, Major David Owen Carpenter, Rhosneigr, Anglesey, Mrs Ella Wynne Jones, Talsarnau.

Mid Glamorgan — Byron Frederick Butler, Aberkenfig, Raymond William Martin, Llangewydd, nr Bridgend, Dan Clayton Jones, Mwyndy, nr Llantrisant.

Powys — Peter English, Abermule, Montgomery, William Ashe Dymock Windham, Glasbury on Wye, via Hereford, Major Michael William Frederick Dyer, Crickhowell.

South Glamorgan — John Wynford Evans, St Fagans, Cardiff, Ralph Phillip Vinson Rees, Radyr, Cardiff, John Wilson Phillips, Ystradowen, nr Cowbridge

West Glamorgan — John Duart Willard Maclean, Carmarthen, Dyfed, Robert Lewis, Ilston, Swansea, Paul Jeremy Hodges, Swansea.

Birthdays today

King Husain of Jordan celebrates his 59th birthday today. The Prince of Wales celebrates his 46th birthday today.

Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman, Barratt Developments, 67; Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, Secretary-General, United Nations, 72; Mr Quentin Crewe, writer, 68; Mr James Crowden, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, 67.

Mr Paul Dacre, editor, Daily Mail, 46; Mr Thomas Dawson, QC, Solicitor-General for Scotland, 46; Mr Harold C. Dent, former editor, *The Times Educational Supplement*, 100; Mr Michael Dobbs, novelist, 46; Mr David Elstein, former director of programmes, Thames Television, 50; Mr Stefano Gabbana, fashion designer, 32; Mr Peter Katin, concert pianist, 64; Mr Harold Larwood, cricketer, 94; Mr Mark Le Fanu, general secretary, Society of Authors, 48; the Earl of Liverpool, 50; Dr Ronald Murray, radiologist, 82.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Nelson, 87; Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP, 46; Mr David Shaw, MP, 44; Miss Diana Skilbeck, headmistress, The Queen's School, Chester, 52; Sir Dudley Smith, MP, 68; Sir Joseph Smith, former director, Public Health Laboratory Service, 64; Mr Koji Tatsuno, fashion designer, 32; Sir Arthur Watts, QC, 63; Mr Paul Williams, former MP, 72.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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FAX: 071 782 7828

Everyone will hate you for your allegiance to me, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.
Mark 13 : 13 (REB)

BIRTHS

ABRAHAM - On 7th November, to Julie (Nutty) and Jonny, a daughter, Matilda Alice Foskee, a sister for Isabel.

CAMPBELL - On 10th November, to Carola and James, a daughter.

CHAPLIN - On November 3rd 1994, to Ruth (née Galletley) and Nicholas, a son, Hugo George Hilbery, a brother for Toby James.

DE COURCY-BOWER - On 5th November to Sarah (née Wilkinson) and Chris, a daughter, Georgina Mary.

FISHER - To Sally (née Wheatland) and David, a son, Charles Theodore Otto Wheatland, born September 16th 1994, and a daughter, Thea Penelope Cynthia Wheatland, born 27th August 1992.

LIPCZYNSKI - On October 24th, to Lesley (née Cooper) and Nick, a beautiful daughter, Emma Louise. With special thanks to all the staff at The Royal London Trust Hospital, Whitechapel.

PRENN - On November 7th, to Frances (née Chao) and Alexis, a son, Alastair Winston Young.

DEATHS

BEDDINGTON - Catherine (Tony) Hope. On 10th November, aged 101 years, peacefully after a short illness at home. Funeral Service at St. Peter & Paul's Church, Aldeburgh, on Friday November 18th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations may be given to The British Pears Foundation, c/o Woolnough Funeral Service, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk.

CLARKE - On 7th November 1994, at Meadbank, Battersea, Elrene Elizabeth Clarke, much loved wife of Reverend Oswald Reeman Clarke. Funeral Service at St Mary Abchurch, Abchurch Lane, EC4, on Thursday November 17th at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations to St Mary Abchurch Appeal.

GARRAWAY - On November 9th in London, Anthea. Funeral service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Wadhurst, East Sussex, Thursday 17th November at 1.pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o Joan Hudson, Lloyds Bank Chamber, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 4SB.

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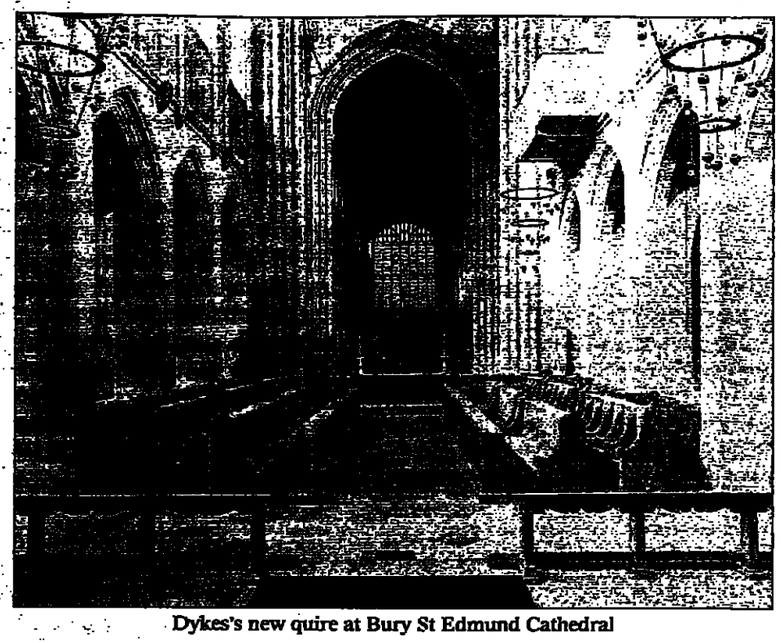
OBITUARIES

STEPHEN DYKES BOWER

Stephen Dykes Bower, architect and Surveyor of the Fabric of Westminster Abbey, 1951-73, died on November 11 aged 91. He was born on April 18, 1903.

STEPHEN DYKES BOWER was that rare figure among contemporary architects — though not so rare in the 19th century where many of his allegiancies lay and where temperamentally he often seemed to belong — an architect whose interests and whose practice were wholly ecclesiastical. For 22 years from 1951 he held the post of Surveyor of the Fabric of Westminster Abbey, and he was a competent and knowledgeable designer in the Gothic style, having been responsible for several notable works including the enlargement of Bury St Edmunds Cathedral and the completion of Lancing College chapel.

Stephen Ernest Dykes Bower was the second son of Ernest Dykes Bower, a prominent doctor in the city of Gloucester. His was a musical family: Stephen's younger brother, who became Sir John Dykes Bower, achieved distinction as an organist, and eventually held the post of organist of St Paul's Cathedral; and Stephen himself, on leaving Cheltenham College, went to Merton College, Oxford, as organ scholar. While at Oxford, however, he decided not to pursue a musical career but to take up architecture — the study of Gothic churches having already become for him an absorbing interest.



Dykes's new quire at Bury St Edmund Cathedral

In 1924 he entered the Architectural Association School in London, where his designs had a Gothic bias from the beginning and led to his being somewhat out of step with the then current architectural fashions. He spent several vacations in the 1920s travelling with a fellow student studying the French *Gothic cathedrals*.

Dykes Bower took his diploma in 1931 and began his own architectural practice forthwith, concentrating on church building and restoration. He worked at several of the English cathedrals as well as on Oxford and Cambridge colleges. He was also architect for the cathedral library and bishop's palace at Exeter, for the restoration of Great Yarmouth parish church and (after its severe damage by bombing during the war) for the restoration of the Wren church of St Vedast, Foster Lane, in the City of London. He also collaborated with Godfrey Allen over the design of the new high altar at St Paul's Cathedral after the Victorian altar and reredos had been destroyed by a high-explosive bomb, and over the postwar baldachino and American memorial chapel.

Dykes Bower showed himself happiest, however, with Gothic designs, and his two most notable works, at Bury St Edmunds and Lancing, though thought by some to be lacking in vigour, demonstrated his knowledge and understanding of medieval ways of building.

It was this knowledge that enabled him to make a success of his surveyorship at Westminster Abbey, though his time in that post was not without its misjudgments.

His proposal, for example, to replace the old stone slabs forming the floor of the nave with a patterned tiled floor designed by himself caused much controversy and was eventually withdrawn, even though it had been approved by the Dean and Chapter.

He was simultaneously consulting architect to Carlisle Cathedral (1947-75) and in 1983 was elected president of the Ecclesiological Society.

Stephen Dykes Bower was a withdrawn and unaggressive character whose firm opinions were disguised by his scholarly and precise Victorian manner. He played little part in professional politics.

He never married and pursued a rather uneventful existence, enriched by his continuing devotion to music, in the elegant house where he also had his office at Quendon in Essex, which he occupied for most of his life.

CARMEN McRAE

Carmen McRae, American jazz singer, died from the effects of a stroke on November 10 aged 72. She was born in New York on April 8, 1922.



ALTHOUGH Carmen McRae never enjoyed mainstream commercial success on the same level as her contemporaries Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, there was no question of the respect she commanded in the jazz world. Like her sometime associate Betty Carter, she was a performer who was at her best in front of an intimate club audience. Her smoky voice, sometimes caressing, sometimes gruff, was allied with an acute feeling for rhythm and harmony and a bitter-sweet sense of humour.

It was during one of her frequent popular residences at the Blue Note in New York that McRae was taken ill in 1991, during what was to prove her last public performance. An asthma sufferer, she had for some years performed part of her concerts while seated on a stool; she was reported to have been bedridden for much, if not all, of the last three years of her life.

As a singer, McRae was a late starter who did not release her first solo album until she was in her early thirties. The daughter of West Indian immigrants, she was born in Harlem and took formal piano lessons before winning a talent contest at the Apollo Theatre, the springboard for countless showbusiness careers. An early meeting with Billie Holiday — whom she always described as her idol — gave McRae ample encouragement to persevere with her vocation.

Her parents, however, did their best to discourage her from pursuing a musical career. Partly to placate them, McRae took a secretarial course, and eventually spent two years in clerical work in Washington before returning to New York in 1943. She took a day job while singing in clubs at night; by the next year she was making appearances with the bands of Count Basie, Benny Carter and Earl Hines before she embarked on an 18-month stint with Mercer Ellington. She made her recording debut, as a featured vocalist with Ellington's band, in 1946.

In later years McRae recalled that she began to hone her craft as a solo singer when the Ellington band broke up in Chicago, and she was offered a two-week engagement in a local club. The residency eventually stretched into more than four months, with McRae working as both a pianist and a singer. Throughout her subsequent career she enjoyed occasionally returning to the keyboard to accompany herself, often in a ballad medley. Her knowledge of harmony, she explained, gave her greater insights into songs: "You should know an instrument to be a good jazz singer," she once said. "If you don't, you just luck out."

After several years in Chicago she returned to New York, finding a niche as a band singer at Minton's Playhouse, one of the centres of the new bebop school. At this point she became a close friend of Sarah Vaughan, whom she regarded as the most gifted of all vocal improvisers. To many listeners, it was Vaughan, even more than Holiday, whose influence was most apparent in her work.

An admirer, too, of Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, McRae was to remain faithful to her bop roots in the decades that followed, performing bravura renditions of standards such as "Billie's Bounce". From the mid-1950s onwards, when she was becoming a fixture in magazine 'polls, McRae began recording for Decca. (Long unavailable, some of her early work is currently being reissued on compact disc.) She later recorded for Columbia, Atlantic and, for most of the 1980s, the California-based label Concord.

By the early 1960s she had established herself as a top-flight artist, though in later years her concerts became increasingly unpredictable. A certain bitterness seeped into her work and pronouncements as well, especially when she felt her recordings failed to attract the attention they deserved. No stranger to profanity, she was never reluctant to share her opinions on singers whom she regarded as incompetent or overrated.

By the time she signed to RCA's Novus label in the 1980s, McRae was not in the best of health. The two albums from this period, however, were as distinctive as any she had ever made. *Carmen Sings Monk* was a bold attempt to graft words and vocalese to Thelonious Monk's quirky melodies. And on what was to be her farewell, McRae paid tribute to her late friend on *Sarah — Dedicated to You*, backed by the subtle Shirley Horn on piano.

In December she was named a "master of jazz" in a fellowship award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Carmen McRae was married and divorced twice, to the drummer Kenny Clarke and the bassist Ike Isaacs.

PROFESSOR ROBERT McWHIRTER

Robert McWhirter, CBE, Professor of Medical Radiology at the University of Edinburgh, 1946-70, died on October 24 aged 89. He was born on November 8, 1904.



ROBERT McWHIRTER was distinguished for the development of modern radiotherapy and treatment of cancer in Scotland, for advances in treatment of breast cancer and for founding and building up the department of radiotherapy in the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

He was born in Ballantrae in Ayrshire, where his father was the schoolmaster who taught Latin and Greek to his "high flyers" and shorthand and typing to the others. From his childhood McWhirter was interested in the wonders of nature and in checking facts. He graduated in medicine from Glasgow University in 1927 with high commendation. He had difficulty in clinical examination of the chest and his elder brother enlightened him to the value of chest X-ray films, and thence of radiology.

McWhirter worked as an assistant in general practice in Prestwick, Ayrshire, for four years. He persuaded the practice to instal an X-ray unit in their local nursing home and soon became known for his acumen in this field.

By now he had begun to think seriously about both radiology and cancer. Both required basic knowledge of anatomy and of pathology. Surgery was virtually the only treatment available for cancer at the time, and he therefore went to Edinburgh for postgraduate studies to obtain the fellowship diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons.

From there he went to Cambridge in 1932 to study for their diploma of medical radiology and electrology, which was to remain the only radiology qualification for some time. He was taught by another pioneer, Dr A. E. Barclay, who soon came to know and respect his inquisitive Scottish student. He also listened to Lord Rutherford at the Cavendish Laboratory, a great source of inspiration.

Clinical studies followed for another six months under Neville Finzi and Walter Levitt, also pioneers in radiotherapy, at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. At Barclay's suggestion he next went to the Mayo Clinic in the United States, and found "standards there far beyond his experience in Britain". Ralston Paterson heard of him and invited McWhirter to become a research fellow in Manchester, to investigate the bases of radiotherapy. After this he returned to assist Finzi in London.

The Edinburgh medical faculty decided at this time that they needed better radiology and invited Barclay to come there in 1935. He accepted on condition that he could bring McWhirter with him. After only a few months, though, Barclay intimated that he would prefer to go back to his research and teaching in Cambridge. Luckily, McWhirter had already so impressed the Edinburgh staff that they thereupon invited him to take charge of radiology in Edinburgh. He at once set about bringing radiology and radiotherapy up to date. His diagnostic and clinical prowess persuaded the surgeons to accept his guidance and to ask him to perform all the radium implants.

His work at the Royal Infirmary prospered and he delivered a memorable Honyman Gillespie lecture on "Progress in Treatment of Malignant Disease" in 1941 and another on breast cancer in 1943, the year before he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He was appointed professor in 1946 when the new Forbes chair was endowed. At first he was particularly interested in cancers of the brain, thyroid and bone. He then began to study breast cancer and soon convinced himself that the orthodox operation of radical mastectomy could be replaced with benefit by simple mastectomy and radiotherapy. Within a few years his results confirmed this as the best option, and many medical visitors came to study his work.

In 1948 he was invited to speak on this subject at the Royal Society of Medicine in London to a packed, hostile audience prompted by two well-known surgeons. It soon became clear that the purpose of the meeting was to rebute his methods, which were anathema to many of the London Establishment, but he stood his ground. Similar results to those of McWhirter were soon to come from others, and radical mastectomy largely given up.

McWhirter was president of the Faculty (predecessor of the Royal College) of Radiologists, 1966-69, having earlier been a hard-working warden in charge of radiological education. He took a major part in many committees and commissions, and was invited to lecture all over the world. Twenty of his trainees became heads of departments in England, Scotland, the United States and many Commonwealth countries. McWhirter continued to speak out in the controversies surrounding the treatment of cancer. He retired in 1970.

Although firm in medical discussions, he never lost his temper and was always helpful and friendly to both colleagues and visitors. He was an expert photographer and bird-watcher and a regular golfer. He is survived by his wife, Dr Susan MacMurray, whom he married in 1937, and by their son.

GEOFFREY STALLIBRASS

Geoffrey Stallibrass, CB, OBE, Controller, National Air Traffic Services, 1969-74, died on October 20 aged 82. He was born on December 17, 1911.

IN A career devoted to civil aviation Geoffrey Stallibrass took the lead or was closely involved in many vital decisions leading to greater aviation safety and improvements in the air traffic control system. His early work was concerned with the development of the civil air fleet and after the war he was involved in the expansion of the British airport network. The last part of his career was spent in air traffic control, organising systems for the movement of both civil and RAF aircraft.

Geoffrey Ward Stallibras was educated at Wellingborough School and learnt to fly in 1936. He joined the Air Ministry in 1937 and in the war worked for intelligence.

In 1946 he was appointed deputy director of operations in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. In 1949 he obtained a commercial pilot's licence and instrument rating. He was then attached to BOAC for a year, for experience in commercial flying, and returned to the ministry as Deputy Director of Development (Control and Navigation).

In 1953 he became Director of Aerodromes (Technical) and was involved in major developments at many civil airports including Gatwick and Heathrow. In 1961 he became Director of Flight Safety with the Ministry of Aviation and it was during this time that he took the lead in the introduction of flight data recorders and aircraft weather radar — both to become vital factors in the safety of civil flying.

In 1966 he moved across to the air traffic control side of aviation and in 1966 he was made Joint Field Commander of the National Air Traffic Services, the "joint" denoting his responsibilities for the day-to-day running of both civil and military air traffic control services. In 1969 he was appointed by the Department of Trade and the Ministry of Defence to be Controller of the National Air Traffic Services — again, both civilian and military.

The Civil Aviation Authority was created in 1972 and he stayed on as Controller to facilitate the transfer of the services to that authority. With the formation of the CAA, he joined its board.

He was appointed OBE in 1952 and CB in 1972. He was a fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and in 1974 was awarded the Wakefield Gold Medal for his contribution to safety in aviation. He retired in 1974.

Stallibras was unfailingly kind and understanding. His tall, distinguished figure was invariably decorated with a fresh carnation.

Whenever he could, he visited the many civil and military air traffic control units scattered throughout the UK, taking a close interest in all the staff (there were about 5,000 of them) and their work.

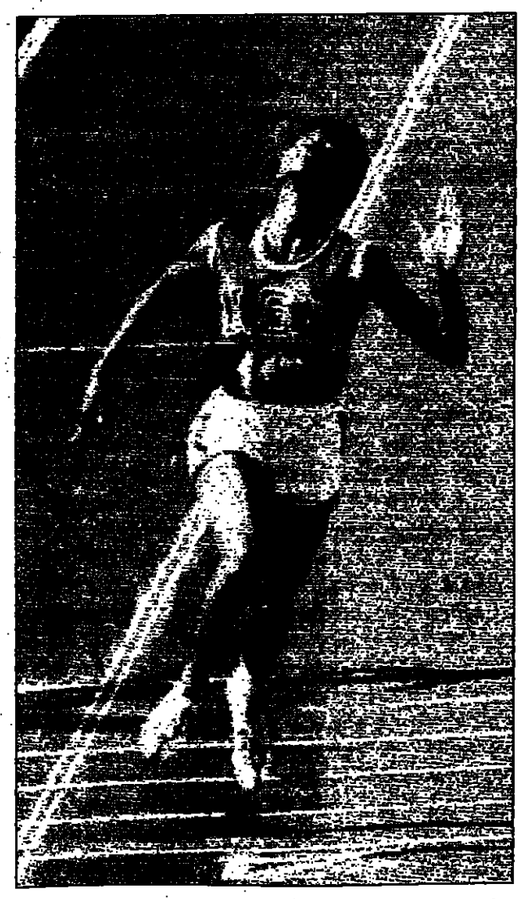
His interests extended well beyond the field of aviation. He loved music, but his overriding interest was in the preservation of the countryside. He was an active member and a life vice-president of the Society of Sussex Downsmen and a passionate defender of rights-of-way. He took a leading part in the Brighton bypass and the Worthing bypass public inquiries.

He also organised and led many walks in the area with the Petersfield Ramblers, and those who went on his walks were inspired, not only by his love of the country but by his encyclopaedic knowledge. His interests included birdlife and birdsong and he was an active member of the Sussex Ornithological Society.

Geoffrey Stallibras is survived by his wife Alison and by their two sons and three daughters.

WILMA RUDOLPH

Wilma Rudolph, American Olympic athlete, died of brain cancer at Brentwood, Tennessee, on November 12 aged 54. She was born on June 23, 1940.



AT THE age of four, Wilma Rudolph contracted scarlet fever and double pneumonia and almost died. Her left leg was paralysed. At the age of eight she began to walk with a leg brace, and later with an orthopaedic shoe. At the age of 20 she went to Rome in 1960 and became the first woman athlete to win three gold medals in track and field in a single Olympic Games. She won the 100 metre and 200 metre sprints, and anchored the victorious United States team in the 400 metre relay.

It was a remarkable story by any standards. Overnight the 6ft-tall Negro woman became America's greatest female sports hero since Babe Didrikson Zaharias a generation earlier. "After the playing of the 'Star Spangled Banner'," she later wrote in her autobiography, "I came away from the victory stand and I was mobbed. People were jumping all over me, putting microphones into my face, pounding my back, and I couldn't believe it. Finally, the American officials grabbed me and escorted me to safety. One of them said, 'Wilma, life will never be the same for you again.' He was so right."

Rudolph returned home to be feted at dozens of banquets, appear at innumerable press conferences, and receive award after award. It was a far cry from her origins as the twentieth of 22 children born to a railroad porter and a domestic servant in an impoverished village in America's South. But Rudolph, with her regal bearing and abundance of gracious charm, took it all in her stride.

Wilma Glodean Rudolph had weighed only four and a half pounds at birth and, even before her near-fatal illness, there were slim hopes for her survival. The turning point came at the age of 11, when her mother returned home to find that Wilma had abandoned her orthopaedic shoe and was playing basketball in her bare feet. From that moment the shoe was cast aside and, encouraged by her father, she became increasingly competitive. At 13 she played for her high school basketball team, whose coach Clinton Gray, coined her nickname of "Skeeter." "You're just like a skeeter," he said. "You're little, you're fast and you always get in my way."

Rudolph attracted the attention of Ed Temple, the athletics coach at Tennessee State University, who invited her to his summer training camps. In 1956, a stringbean of a girl weighing only 89 lb, she was selected for the American team to run in the Melbourne Olympics but was eliminated in the 200 metre heats, though she did win a bronze medal in the 400 metre relay. She returned to high school, graduated, and was then awarded an athletic scholarship at Tennessee State. By 1960 she had grown to 130 lb, and was back in the squad for the Rome Olympics.

On the day before the 100 metres semi-final, Rudolph stepped in a hole in the practice field and twisted her ankle. It made no difference. She won that race in 11.3 seconds, equalling the world record. Her time in the final was even faster — exactly 11 seconds — but because of a following wind it failed to qualify as a new record.

In the 200 meters she set an Olympic record of 23.2 seconds in the heats, and then won her second gold medal with a time of 24 seconds, running into a stiff wind. The sprint relay final provided high drama. After a bad baton pass, Rudolph found herself two yards in arrears as she began the final leg. She turned it into a three yard victory in 44.5 seconds, just 0.1 second slower than the team's world record in the heats.

With athletics still a strictly amateur sport, Rudolph was unable to profit from her fame, and went on to make a living as a schoolteacher and sports coach. She last raced in 1962, saying: "I couldn't top what I did, so I'll be remembered for when I was at my best."

In later years she became a spokeswoman for a film studio, a baking company and other businesses, and established the Wilma Rudolph Foundation to work with underprivileged children. In 1961 she was named America's outstanding amateur athlete and two years ago was elected to the US National Track and Field Hall of Fame. She was twice married and divorced and is survived by two sons and two daughters from her second marriage.

MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD AND LINCOLNSHIRE EXTENSION

A large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled in St John's-wood yesterday morning to witness the inauguration of the works for the new extension to London of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway. The ceremony of turning the first sod was gracefully performed by the Countess of Wharncliffe, with the aid of an oak spade and barrow mounted in silver, in the garden of a house in Alpha-road, and afterwards the guests were driven to the Holborn Restaurant, where they were entertained to luncheon in the King's-hall. Among those present were the Earl of Wharncliffe, who is the chairman of the company, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Sir Frederick Bramwell ... with a large number of gentlemen from places such as Leicester, Sheffield, Nottingham, and Manchester, which are interested in the new line.

Yesterday's ceremony marks the beginning of the end of an undertaking which, apart from the changes it will make in the map of St. John's-wood, can scarcely fail to have important results for London as a whole. The idea of Manchester and Sheffield Railway having independent access to London is by no means new. It was suggested so long as 20 years ago, when attempts were made to obtain Parliamentary sanction to a scheme by which the Sheffield Company would have run into the Midland station at St Pancras. But it was not till 1891 that a Bill was introduced into Parliament giving it a separate road to London from its most southerly point at Annesley-road, which it had reached some years before. The Bill met with such vigorous opposition that it was thrown out. On its reintroduction in 1892 it was more successful, since many of the opposing interests had been conciliated. Owing, however, to the dissolution of Parliament, it did not obtain the Royal assent till the beginning of last year.

The railway which is authorized by that Bill, and whose construction was begun yesterday, is about 100 miles long. Starting from Annesley-road, a few miles south of Chesterfield, it will pass through Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester, and Rugby to Quainton-road, on the Metropolitan Railway, over whose road it has running powers. From about Wembley Park, however, it will run on a separate track to an independent terminus in the Marylebone-road. This terminus, including goods and passenger stations, will cover some 66 acres of ground, and will therefore necessitate the demolition of a considerable number of houses; but, as many of these are small cottages, perhaps their removal need not be a matter of great regret.

The platforms will be 750ft. long, and there will be six of them. The line itself is laid out with gentle gradients and easy curves, and its estimated cost is six-and-a-half millions. The contracts, which are seven in number, have been let on moderate terms, and it is expected that trains will be running in two-and-a-half or three years.

The promoters of the new line ... claim one important advantage for it. Most new railways have to create traffic for themselves, but for this one there is a large amount ready made. The Manchester and Sheffield Railway at present transfers 6th per cent of its traffic, or about two million tons annually, to other railways to be transported to London: from Grimsby alone some 80,000 tons of fish are dealt with in this way. All this traffic will naturally go over the new line when it is opened, so that, in the opinion of its supporters, a fair amount of business is assured to it from the beginning.

ON THIS DAY

November 14 1894

The Manchester Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway, subsequently rechristened the Great Central, was to have its terminus at Marylebone. But the London extension was never to be a shareholder's delight

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NEWS

Swedes say 'Yes' to European Union

■ IN AN unexpectedly strong vote of confidence in the European Union, Sweden last night voted by a decisive margin to enter the EU in January with Finland and Austria, setting the Union on course to expand to 15 or 16 members.

An exit poll of 5,000 voters found the "Yes" campaign had won by 57.6-41 per cent, suggesting that numerous undecided voters had swung to the pro-EU campaign in the past two or three days Page 1

Zookeeper dies after mauled by tiger

■ A zookeeper died after being mauled by a tiger at a zoo founded by John Aspinall, the millionaire gambler and animal lover, which has a history of fatal attacks. Trevor Smith, 33, was bitten in the neck by Balkash, a Siberian tiger at Howletts Wild Animal Park near Canterbury Page 1

Coalition threatened

The Irish Republic's coalition government teetered on the brink of collapse, threatening to derail the peace process Page 1

Arms deals dispute

The Government is braced for an onslaught from the Opposition this week over allegations that Britain is using its overseas aid budget to win lucrative arms deals with undemocratic regimes Pages 1, 10

Cricket inquiry

England's cricket authorities launched an investigation into allegations that Essex and Lancashire colluded to fix the results of a Sunday League and county championship match Page 1

New status for Hull

Bureaucrats trying to enforce a EU sewage directive came have come up with a novel solution — effectively designating the city a seaside resort Page 2

Recalling conflict

The enduring significance of Remembrance Sunday and its appeal to the soul of the nation were once again demonstrated as nearly 10,000 old soldiers, sailors and airmen marched past the Cenotaph in Whitehall Page 3

Forest proposal

A plan to grow a vast national forest in the exhausted coal-mining areas of the Midlands will be unveiled next week Page 6

Schools fight back

Examination league tables to be published by the Government next week will misrepresent three-quarters of independent schools, according to the schools' own survey Page 7

Heliport ruling

A High Court judge will decide this week whether to allow a helicopter "aircraft carrier" capable to cruise up and down the River Thames Page 8

Coursers chased

Police are hunting armed gangs that are taking tens of thousands of pounds in betting stakes at illegal hare coursing races across the country Page 9

Sliding back to war

Bosnia slid nearer a renewed all-out war as the international community thrashed around for ways to bridge the gaping rift between them Page 11

Argentine visit

The Duke of York begins a highly sensitive five-day visit to Argentina tomorrow, with the government of President Menem renewing its claim to the Falkland Islands Page 12

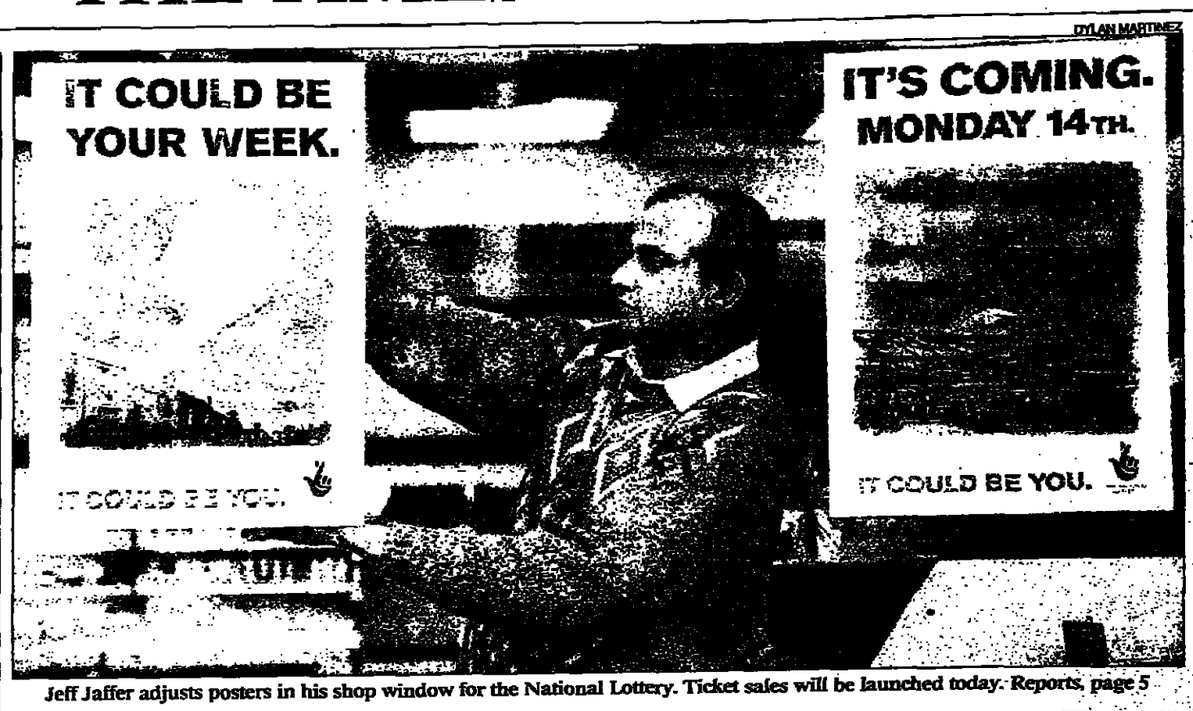
Italian challenge

The Italian government faces a vote of confidence on its 1995 budget today after weekend protests in which more than one million people took to the streets of Rome Page 13

Collie's bravery medal is up for sale

■ A Dickin medal, known as the Victoria Cross for animals, which was awarded to a collie dog who saved six people trapped under buildings during doodle bug attacks on London in the Second World War, is to be auctioned for about £16,000 next month. Peter was a high-spirited puppy bought for "25 bob" in Birmingham in 1941 Page 7

DYLAN MARTINEZ



Jeff Jaffer adjusts posters in his shop window for the National Lottery. Ticket sales will be launched today. Reports, page 5

BUSINESS

Oil spill: British Gas, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Western oil firms are likely to be criticised tomorrow for failing to avert the oil spill in Russia's Komi Republic Page 44

Managed funds: Nearly a third of institutions responsible for managing an estimated total of £650 billion of funds spend less than three hours when deciding whether to invest in a new share issue, according to a survey Page 41

Merger talks: Cookson and Johnson Matthey are holding discussions that could lead to a £2.5 billion merger Page 44

Card controls: A new purchasing card for business will enable managers to speed up and simplify small payments Page 39

FEATURES

Women in white: Giles Coren on a new development unit that has been set up by the Government to persuade more women to take up careers in science and engineering Page 16

Bridge-builder: Julia Llewellyn Smith meets the Times bridge correspondent, and finds him ready to take a gamble Page 17

EDUCATION

League rebels: Why the independent schools have brought out their own version of the GCSE league tables Page 37

Hard times: How a university administrator and his colleagues tried to live on a £23.10 student grant for a week Page 37

ARTS

Birthday offerings: The Royal Ballet is celebrating the genius of its founder choreographer, the late Sir Frederick Ashton, who would have been 90 this year Page 14

Colour me violet: Wassily Kandinsky was not content with just being a painter. London sees a rare stage realisation of Kandinsky's "colour opera" Violett Page 14

Trading places: The revival of Sam Shepard's American play, True West, has a novel twist. The two leading actors are alternating the parts of the two brothers at war with each other Page 14

Tuning in: Richard Morrison dons beads and sandals to get in the mood for the revival of an avant-garde classic of the Sixties, Stockhausen's Momente Page 15



IN THE TIMES

■ **COXING CLEVER**
Benedict Nightingale reviews Brian Cox in Henrik Ibsen's *The Master Builder*

■ **TV REVIEW**
The people Britain locked up for 60 years for being 'feeble-minded'

Motor racing: Michael Schumacher, of Germany, won the Formula One world drivers' championship by one point when a collision with Damon Hill forced them both out of the Australian Grand Prix. The race was won by Nigel Mansell Pages 23 and 25

Cricket: Mark Taylor, Australia's captain, got a good look at the England bowling when scoring 150 as New South Wales made 314 for five in reply to the touring side's 328 at Newcastle Page 24

Football: Marlow became the third non-League side to overcome Football League opposition in the first round of this season's FA Cup when they beat second division Oxford United 2-0. John Cesar scored both goals Page 27

Rugby Union: Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half in Saturday's 54-3 win over Romania at Twickenham, believes the side would have run up a cricket score in more favourable weather conditions Page 31

Rugby League: The Australians, playing their final match against club opposition before the decisive third international against Great Britain on Sunday, beat Bradford 40-0 Page 24

Squash: Jonah Barrington, who in his playing days won the British Open championship on six occasions, has been elected the new president of the Squash Rackets Association Page 35

Horizon: Whispers of Creation (BBC2, 8pm) looks at our understanding of the universe Page 43

No respite in Java

The convoluted courtesies of diplomacy in Asia are a change of air for Bill Clinton after last week's political battering Page 19

Hippocratic trusts

Spare a thought for Roy Lilley ... on whose head has descended the wrath of the BMA Page 19

Crash prix

A controversial collision decided the Formula One championship, which was already thick with controversy Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Silvio Berlusconi has two portraits in his bedroom: one was of Justinian, the great emperor, and the other of Lady Thatcher Page 18

MATTHEW PARRIS

Why do we spend so much time, money and anger over European "harmonisation" and "union" at the level which means the least to ordinary people? Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

The Queen's Speech is usually judged in terms of the quantity of Bills proposed. But hardly anyone asks whether these will make good law Page 18

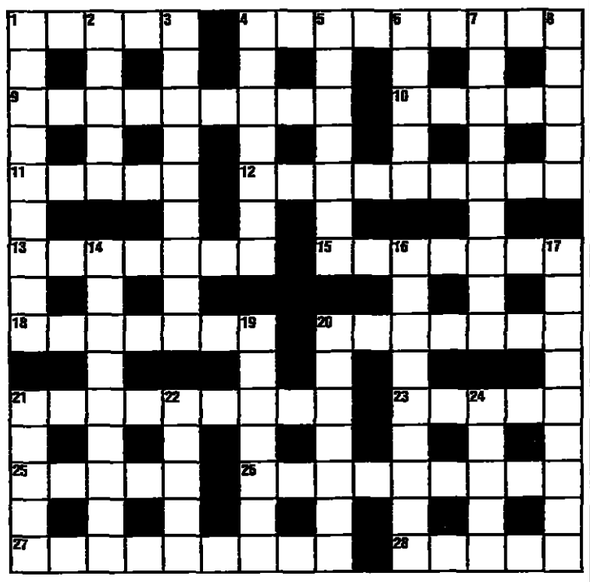
Stephen Dykes Bower, architect; Carmen McRae, jazz singer; Robert McWhirter, Professor of Medical Radiology at Edinburgh University Page 21

High charges for government information Page 19

Mr Hurd, who until now has managed to maintain a dignified aloofness from the incompetence and sleaze engulfing most of the rest of the government, has been wounded by the High court judgment
— The Sunday Times

The principle that ministers should act within the limits laid down by Parliament is one of the cornerstones of our liberties. Ministers should stop trying to bend the rules
— Independent on Sunday

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ACROSS

1 Key is taken by heel and it's not spotted (5)
4 Fit for service in the main (9)
9 Working dog – all-out trier at all times (9)
10 Make a home with a woman (5)
11 Nobody has caught cold for the present (5)
12 The flier taking bread maybe – and everything else around (9)
13 Assets invested in London? (7)
15 The listener may be pierced by this (7)
18 Cut tax by five hundred (7)
20 Turner, a lawbreaker when without money (7)
21 Declare the head must hold back alcoholic drink (9)
23 Post the collateral (5)
25 A quarter rent some land (5)
26 Set off, and please walk (9)
27 The governor turning over a gun to rebel leader (9)
28 Creating a bit of a racket, hospital staff show characteristic spirit (5)

DOWN

1 A record confirmed by the French (9)
2 Nibbled at in the latter part of the day (5)
3 Tasty morsels of lamb for one to prepare in minutes (9)
4 To make a point, reveal blunders – quite a number (7)
5 Summarise a game (7)
6 He has to acknowledge Her Majesty's letters (5)
7 A man isn't a spoilt individual down under (9)
8 It is indeed the way to raise dough (5)
14 Contracting to put note in purse? Just the opposite! (9)
16 Restriction the country's to bring back (9)
17 Bed-makers (9)
19 Half made a stand, and that most highly valued (7)
20 Retired person supporting public transport (7)
21 A model's brain-teaser (5)
22 Thought the novice exemplary (5)
24 A strike to cause embarrassment (5)

KNOCKANDO
The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,698 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, 0.69in; highest sunshine: Doncaster, South Yorkshire, 2.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will dawn dull and misty with fog on hills and on southern coasts. There will be rain in most places. Brighter weather will reach north Wales and northern England. This should spread to much of England and Wales later but southern districts will stay wet. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny spells and showers, some heavy. It will be windy, but temperatures will be above average.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, SW England:** dull with rain at times, some heavy. Wind strong southwesterly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **E Anglia, E, W Midlands, Wales:** showers at first, some heavy. Turning brighter in the afternoon. Wind fresh southwesterly. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E, NW, NE, Central N:** rain in the morning, brighter after midday, but a few showers. Wind strong southwesterly. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** dull with drizzle in the morning. Rain in the afternoon and evening. Wind strong southwesterly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, S W Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** sunny intervals with showers which will become more frequent and heavier later. Wind strong southwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney:** rain in the morning, then some sunshine, but scattered showers will continue. Wind strong southwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Shetland:** early sunshine will give way to rain. Wind moderate southwesterly. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** it should be a little colder with sunshine at times, but showers too, especially on Wednesday.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

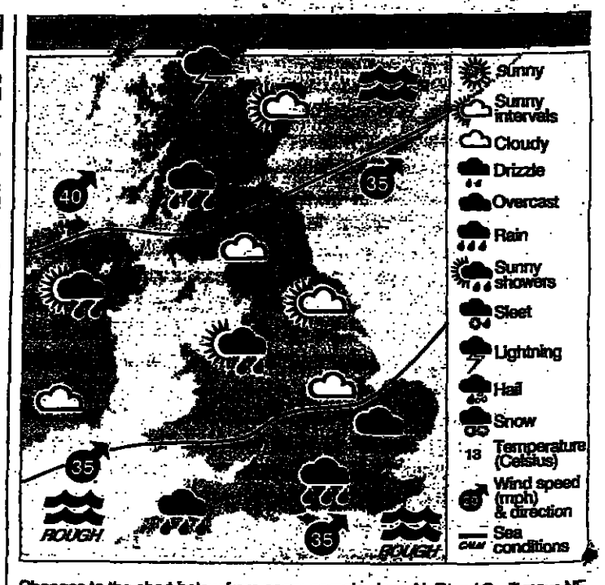
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.28	10	50	r	Lowestoft	-	0.20	12	54	r
Anglesey	-	0.58	13	55	r	Manchester	-	0.38	12	54	r
Aspatria	-	0.43	10	50	r	Margate	x	0.09	11	52	r
Aviemore	-	0.01	11	52	r	Minehead	-	0.16	15	59	du
Belfast	0.2	0.09	12	54	r	Morecambe	-	0.41	11	52	r
Birmingham	-	0.40	12	54	r	Newcastle	-	0.49	10	50	r
Bognor R	-	0.34	13	55	r	Newquay	x				
Bournem'th	-	0.31	14	57	sh	Norwich	-	0.15	11	52	r
Bristol	0.3	0.37	14	57	r	Nottingham	-	0.58	11	52	r
Buxton	-	0.65	9	48	r	Oxford	-	0.29	13	55	r
Cardiff	0.1	1.08	13	55	r	Penzance	2.8	0.69	14	57	r
Clacton	-	0.15	11	52	r	Plymouth	1.7	1.18	14	57	r
Colwyn Bay	-	0.64	12	54	r	Poole	-	0.23	14	57	d
Cromer	-	0.28	11	52	r	Prestatyn	x	0.52	12	54	r
Doncaster	-	0.35	11	52	r	Ross-o-wye	0.3	0.39	13	55	r
Eastbourne	-	0.41	13	55	r	Ryde	x				
Edinburgh	-	0.09	10	50	r	Salcombe	x				
Eskdalemuir	x					Sandown	-	0.23	14	57	r
Exmouth	0.3	0.74	14	57	c	Saunton Snd	-	0.86	13	55	c
Falmouth	x	0.73	13	55	sh	Scarboro'	-	0.33	10	50	r
Fishguard	0.1	0.82	11	52	r	Scilly Isles	3.4	1.03	13	55	b
Folkestone	-	0.10	12	54	r	Shanklin	-	0.47	13	55	r
Glasgow	-	0.31	10	50	r	Shrewsbury	x				
Guernsey	-	0.19	15	59	sh	Skegness	-	0.46	11	52	r
Hastings	-	0.31	12	54	r	Southend	-	0.31	12	54	r
Hayling I	-	0.24	13	55	r	Southport	-	0.42	11	52	r
Herne Bay	-	0.14	11	52	r	Southsea	-	0.20	13	55	r
Hove	-	0.33	13	55	r	Stornoway	-	0.14	11	52	r
Hunstanton	-	0.28	11	52	r	Swanage	-	0.23	14	57	sh
Isle of Man	-	0.51	12	54	r	Teignmouth	1.2	0.80	16	61	sh
Jersey	-	0.14	14	57	r	Tenby	1.5	0.61	13	55	c
Kinloss	-	0.02	11	52	r	Tiree	1.0	0.22	12	54	r
Leeds	-	0.40	10	50	r	Torquay	1.0	0.56	13	55	c
Lerwick	-	0.01	9	48	r	Tynemouth	-	x	10	50	du
Leuchars	-	0.13	10	50	r	Ventnor	-	0.28	12	54	r
Littlehmptn	-	0.50	14	57	r	West-s-mare	x				
Liverpool	x					Weymouth	-	0.36	14	57	r
London	-	0.17	13	55	r						

These are Saturday's figures.

ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	s	G'ptagn	2	36	c	Majorca	18	64	f
Akrotiri	22	72	f	Gortz	13	66	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	15	59	r	Malta	20	68	f
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	-	--	
Athens	19	66	f	Florence	12	54	s	Miami	24	75	r
Bahrain	27	81	f	Frankfurt	8	46	d	Milan	13	55	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	5	41	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	11	52	f	Moscow	-6	21	c
Barcelona	18	64	s	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Munich	8	46	f
Beirut	25	77	s	Helsinki	-2	28	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Belgrade	6	43	f	Hong K	27	81	f	Naples	17	63	s
Berlin	1	34	c	Innsbruck	6	43	r	N Delhi	27	81	s
Bermuda	24	75	f	Istanbul	12	54	f	N York	11	52	s
Biarritz	16	59	f	Jeddah	33	91	s	Nice	18	64	c
Borde'x	16	59	f	Jo'burg	26	79	f	Oslo	0	32	f
Brussels	13	55	f	L Palmas	24	75	c	Paris	13	55	f
Budapst	5	41	c	La Toust	13	55	f	Peking	3	37	c
B Aires	28	82	s	Lisbon	17	63	s	Perth	26	79	s
Cairo	25	77	s	Locarno	12	54	c	Prague	1	34	c
Cape Tn	21	70	c	L Angels	16	61	s	Reykjavk	4	39	f
Chicago	9	48	c	Luxembg	10	50	c	Rhodes	17	63	f
Ch'church	20	68	s	Luxor	28	82	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	10	50	r	Madrid	13	55	s	Riyadh	26	79	s
Rome	17	63	s
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Salzburg	7	45	f
S F'risco	12	54	c
Santiago	26	77	s
S Paulo	33	90	c
Seoul	15	59	s
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	1	34	s
Strasb'rg	11	52	c
Sydney	19	66	f
Tangier	19	66	s
Tel Aviv	26	77	s
Tenerife	24	75	f
Tokyo	22	72	s
Toronto	11	52	c
Tunis	21	70	f
Valencia	20	68	f
Vanc'ver	5	41	s
Venice	13	55	s
Vienna	1	34	c
Warsaw	-2	28	s
Wash'ton	12	54	f
Wel'ngton	14	57	c
Zurich	10	50	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: complex lows N, R and S will move NE and fill. High S will drift east and intensify and High A will remain unchanged



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.41	6.8	11.16	6.8	Liverpool	8.23	8.1	8.40	8.4
Aberdeen	10.55	3.9	11.01	3.9	Lowestoft	8.34	2.3	7.12	2.4
Avonmouth	4.00	11.2	4.27	11.7	Margate	9.06	4.3	9.48	4.4
Belfast	8.18	3.0	8.32	3.2	Milford Haven	3.22	5.9	3.41	6.2
Cardiff	3.50	10.38	4.20	10.89	Newquay	2.17	5.9	2.37	6.2
Devonport	2.48	4.7	3.04	4.9	Oban	3.13	3.1	3.27	3.25
Dover	8.18	5.9	8.57	5.9	Penzance	1.56	4.7	13.20	4.7
Falmouth	2.18	4.5	2.34	4.7	Portland	3.47	1.7	3.59	1.7
Glasgow	10.15	4.5	10.33	4.8	Portsmouth	8.36	4.3	4.01	4.2
Harwich	8.39	3.6	9.12	3.8	Shoreham	9.35	5.5	9.00	5.4
Holyhead	7.49	4.9	7.56	5.1	Southampton	9.08	4.2	8.30	4.1
Hull	3.12	6.47	4.03	6.41	Swansea	3.25	8.0	3.48	8.4
Ilfracombe	3.01	7.74	3.25	8.18	Tees	12.24	4.7	1.13	4.7
King's Lynn	3.18	5.7	4.07	5.8	Whitby	11.58	4.9	—	—
Leith	11.58	4.9	—	—	Wilton-on-Nas	8.37	3.8	9.13	3.7

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Sun rises: 7.17 am
Sun sets: 4.13 pm
Moon sets 3.14 pm
Moon rises 2.29 pm

London 4.13 pm to 7.18 am
Bristol 4.23 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 4.07 pm to 7.48 am
Manchester 4.14 pm to 7.34 am
Penzance 4.39 pm to 7.35 am

Full Moon November 17.

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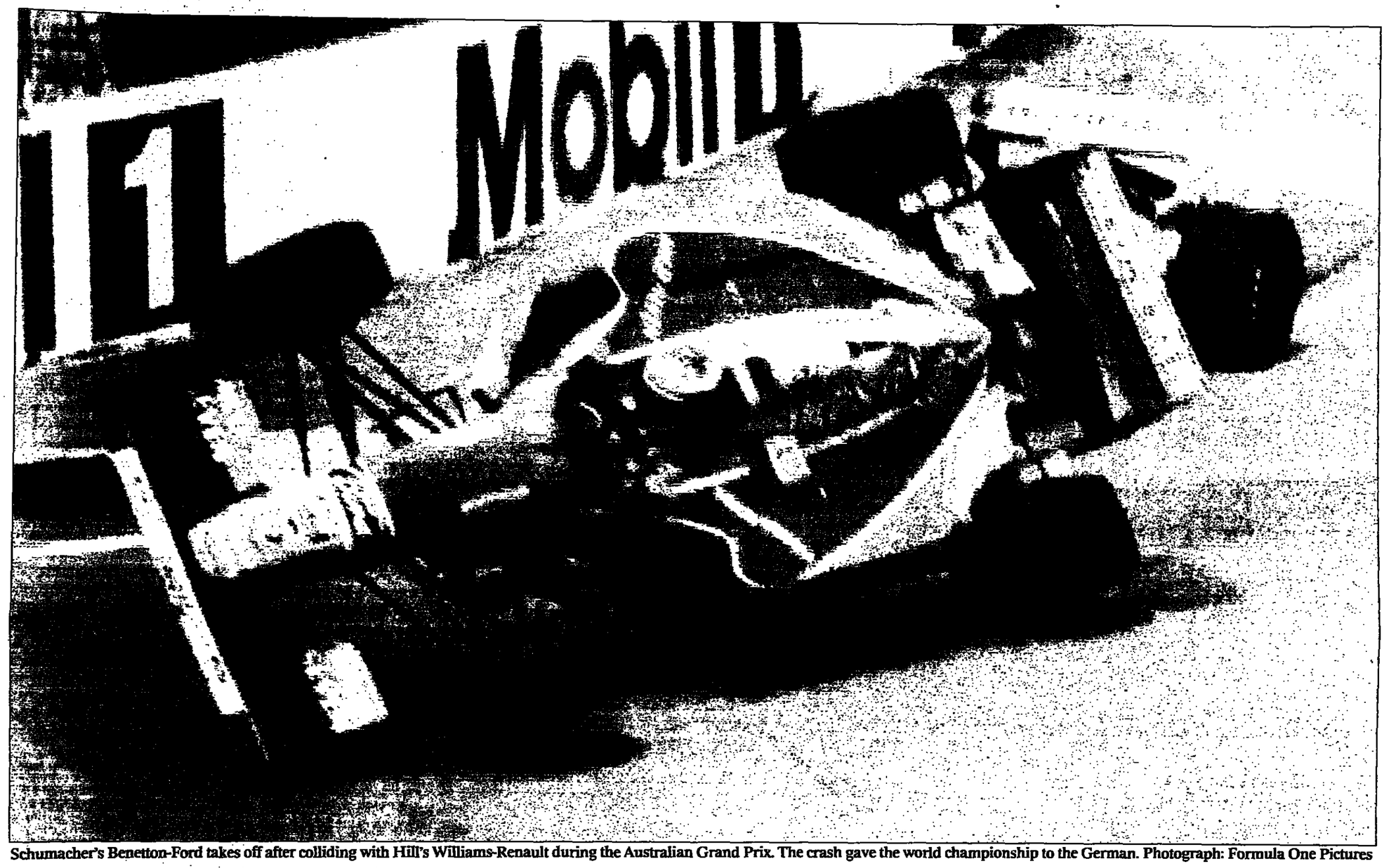
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Schumacher's Benetton-Ford takes off after colliding with Hill's Williams-Renault during the Australian Grand Prix. The crash gave the world championship to the German. Photograph: Formula One Pictures

Hill's title hopes destroyed as world championship rivals crash in Adelaide

Schumacher's world takes off



Oliver Holt reports from Adelaide as a season of drama and tragedy ends amid yet more controversy

IN THE Benetton garage, an hour after the finish, the mechanics scattered as a vision of joy came hurtling towards them. Michael Schumacher, his face blanched by cream that had been plastered over him, ran past the shell of his car, spraying champagne over anyone who got in the way, hugging his girlfriend, unconfined in his happiness.

Damon Hill could hear the laughter when he emerged from the sanctuary of the Williams pit to be engulfed by television crews and journalists, all falling over themselves to get close to him. Everyone wanted to congratulate him, too, and shake his hand. It was hard to accept that he was the loser.

After a whole season with Schumacher as the overwhelming favourite for the Formula One world drviers' championship, the annointed one, Hill, had come so close. He had exerted tremendous pressure on his rival and the race was there for the taking, the German's Benetton-Ford crippled by a crash. But, as Hill tried to overtake the stricken car, they collided and Hill was forced to retire too.

At least it was over now, this season of tragedy and melodrama, concluded in controversy just as it had begun, eight months ago, and was then to continue almost without a break. Hill, who seemed to suffer the most emotionally from the death of Ayrton Senna, his team-mate, at Imola, remained the epitome of dignity right to the end, refusing to condemn Schumacher for their coming together that robbed him of the championship by the single point-margin that the German had brought to Australia.

It was a rather empty and unsatisfactory denouement, but in a way it was gloriously fitting. It turned what should have been a legitimising showdown into a pyrrhic victory and emphasised the fact that this season would be remembered, largely, for the death of the Brazilian three times world champion, that it was essentially a hiatus until business resumes next season.

"The season started quite well," Schumacher, 25, the first ever German Formula One world champion, said at a subdued press conference after the race. "But what happened at Imola was a nightmare. We all know about our feelings for Ayrton and I would like to take this championship and give it to him.

"He was the best driver. It was difficult at the time for me to show my feelings, but I always thought about it and it is right, now, to give what I have achieved to him."

When Hill and Schumacher, the two men who took up Senna's mantle, got to the first corner in front of the eventual winner, Nigel Mansell, and began a fascinating duel, it seemed that the doubts about their legitimacy, caused by the effects of the varying penalties imposed on Schumacher throughout a draining season for the Benetton team, would be washed away in the proving ground of their battle.

Hill, trailing by a point after his fine victory in Japan the previous week, harried Schumacher to the very edge of his brilliance on this street circuit in a city-centre park, pursuing him relentlessly, never allowing him to open up a gap of more than three seconds, until the young German cracked.

As Hill edged ever closer, Schumacher lost control of his Benetton-Ford at turn five on the 36th lap and collided heavily with the wall. Somehow, the German managed to guide the car back onto the track and veered to the left to block Hill's Williams-Renault as it swarmed over his tailpipes.

Hill, not realising that Schumacher's car was irreparably damaged, tried to overtake him again at the next corner, but when he went down the inside, the German veered across and the two collided. The Benetton-Ford was hurled into the air, against a wall and out of the race. But Hill's car was damaged, too.

He nursed it back to the pits with what appeared to be a punctured front wheel, but a wishbone, a vital part of the suspension, had also been damaged in the collision and would have taken more than half-an-hour to repair. Hill sat still in the car while his engineers examined the black rod, then climbed slowly out when they signalled that there was no hope.

"Motor racing often has incidents like that," Hill said. "I saw an opportunity and I went for it. I think spectators and race fans around the world will be debating what really happened at that point for a long time to come."

Schumacher, meanwhile, stood behind some railings, watching nervously as the field sped past him without Hill among their number. For three laps he stood there, wondering if Hill would rejoin, until the loudspeaker system announced his retirement. He began the walk back to the pits, shaking the hands of well-wishers as his crew leapt in the air in delight.

Few would begrudge Schumacher or Benetton their victory when the furore about the accident has died down. He has coped with the crises that have befallen the team this season — the pit lane fire in Germany and the unsubstantiated allegations of cheating and his disqualification in Belgium — with admirable sang-froid and is recognised as a driver of uncommon skill.

Schumacher was also gracious in victory. "I have to take back what I said about Damon," he said. "A few weeks ago I said that I did not respect him as much as some of the other drivers, and I regret that now. I was wrong. He has been a great rival and, in the last two races in particular, he has done a fantastic job. I under-estimated him."

Hill's first act was to phone his wife and his mother in England and to keep his chin up. He had a meal, a beer, watched as Mansell clinched the constructors' world championship for Williams and listened as Frank Williams, the team owner, said that he, too, wanted to dedicate the title to Senna. Then he emerged into the sunlight to confront his failure.

"At the time Michael went off the road, I had no idea what condition his car was in," Hill said. "It is very painful to look back at the replay and realise that it must have been damaged to the point where he would have been out of the race. But I did what I had to do. I did what I felt was necessary at the time. If I could go back in time, I would have sat back and left it for a little bit longer.

"It was a very exciting race and I pushed him into making a mistake. It could have gone my way. We raced this time and he fell off the road, but he is world champion and I am not. I have to live with that.

"I feel very proud of myself that I have done a fantastic job this season under a lot of pressure. I'm always improving and showing I have got the right stuff. I will be back even stronger next season."

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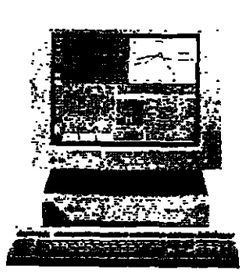
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Schumacher celebrates his world championship victory

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Eurosport wakes up to drama in fast lane



DAVID POWELL

TV ACTION REPLAY

There are few things worth getting up for at 3.30am, but the climax to the Formula One world championship, televised live from Adelaide yesterday, carried enough drama potential to warrant setting a double alarm; one for the waking and another to be sure.

Eurosport and BBC2 went head-to-head in covering Damon Hill's attempt to beat Michael Schumacher to the drivers' title and, after less than four hours sleep, I was not ready for Murray Walker. I chose the less frenzied Eurosport commentary from John Watson and Allard Kalff and, on the whole, Eurosport was superior.

There were four main categories to judge: the start, pit stop analysis, Schumacher's Shimmy, and programme recovery once the drivers' championship had been decided in favour of Schumacher when he crashed into Hill with 45 of 81 laps remaining. I came to appreciate Kalff's straightforward explanation of the grid line-up only after listening to Walker's later. The voice of motor racing omitted to spot Hill for us, instead using the last seconds before the green light to identify those at the back.

Both channels were perfectly aware that the Australian Grand Prix, in which Hill was trying to become a British world champion, was being watched by millions who normally would not give two hoots of their horn about motor racing: "It is theatre, as well as a sporting event," Simon Reed, the chief of English language commentators for Eurosport, had said on Saturday.

Reed added that his commentators had to be careful not to be jingoistic. Watson, though, could not help himself. "Damon," he said, as if in direct communication with Hill, "you have got to be more forceful ... you can't let Schumacher take advantage of these situations." Schumacher's superior skill in traffic was worrying Watson.

As it turned out, it was the German's inferior skill with nobody blocking that savaged Hill's chances. Schumacher seemed to misjudge a bend, bounced off a wall back on to the track and drove into the line the Briton was taking, causing a crash. Bad luck for Hill or bad form by Schumacher? Watson, Palmer and Kalff declined the fence that Walker scaled. "*There will be people*, of course, who say that was a desperate manoeuvre by Schumacher to stop Damon Hill winning the championship". It would have been nice to know Walker's interpretation.

Jonathan Palmer, Walker's co-commentator, sprang to the BBC's rescue, opining that Schumacher had been "cutting across in a desperate attempt to stop Damon Hill going by ... perhaps even to take Hill out".

Watson agreed — "Clearly, Michael Schumacher drove into Damon Hill's car" — and, for instant summing up, Kalff excelled: "Schumacher can't believe it — driving off the circuit, hitting the wall and, one moment later, he is world champion."

Neither Watson nor Palmer scored highly on the pit-stop equation, their first estimates failing to judge that both drivers would come in early for fuel. This was a vital tactical consideration.

Walker's enthusiasm for Nigel Mansell, who went on to win, made the sense of anti-climax less perceptible on BBC than on Eurosport, but would you want as a passenger giving you directions someone who keeps pointing you one way then another? Consider this classic from Walker...

Palmer: "Alesi spins out of the race, surely?" Walker: "Yes...no. Alesi manages to keep the engine, does not stall, but, of course, he will have lost a place ... I think ... no. He has kept the place ahead of Panis."

Sugar on line for decision of Francis

ALAN Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, will monitor efforts to fill the club's vacant managerial post while on a Mediterranean holiday. He has offered the post to Gerry Francis, the former Queen's Park Rangers manager. "If talks are needed, he will be at the end of a telephone," a Tottenham spokesman said yesterday. Ray Wilkins, the former England captain, is favoured to take over the manager's position at Rangers.

Graeme Souness, the former Liverpool manager, has been linked with the vacant post at Aston Villa, which was left open when Ron Atkinson was dismissed last week. Howard Kendall, Frank Stapleton, Peter Reid, Joe Jordan and Gordon Strachan are believed to be in the running to become the manager at Oldham.

Triumph for Leander

ROWING: Leander won all three men's Open boat classes in the Fullers Fours Head of the River on Saturday (Mike Rosewell writes). Their top quad, stroked by Guy Pooley, suffered the indignity of a crab just before the finish, but had a comfortable margin over the country's top lightweights, from Nottingham County and London.

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent were in the winning Leander coxed four, which finished only two seconds ahead of Cambridge's top crew. Four Norwegians *made up Leander's winning coxless four.*

Hammond in control

CYCLO-CROSS: Roger Hammond, the former world junior champion, made short work of the opposition in yesterday's second round of the National Trophy series at Wolverhampton. The Buckinghamshire undergraduate finished 28sec ahead of the professional, Gary Foord, with the defending champion, Steve Douce, in third place.

Floyd leads chase



GOLF: Raymond Floyd, left, was the only realistic challenger to Jim Albus going into the final round of the Senior Tour Championship in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina yesterday. Albus shot a six-under-par 66 on Saturday for a 15-under-par total of 201, and a six-stroke lead. "I'm not sure we're still in the same area code," Floyd said.

Davis's fitness tells

FENCING: Johnny Davis defeated Bill Gosbee, a fellow Londoner, 15-5 in the foil final of the Welsh Open in Cardiff on Saturday. Davis's fitness proved decisive. In the women's foil, Lucy Harris defeated Linda Strachan 15-13. Charlotte Read defeated Penny Tomlinson for the women's épée crown.

Dutch pair defeated

REAL TENNIS: Charles Wade and Jonathan Yorke Long reached the finals of the Conrad Construction doubles championship at Leamington with an outstanding victory against the talented Cees de Bondt and Paul van Ammers Kater, of Holland, 6-4. Yorke Long, a former county squash player, has only been playing for nine months.

Hernandez keeps title



BOXING: Genaro Hernandez, left, despite carrying an injury, kept his World Boxing Association junior lightweight championship in Mexico City on Saturday with a unanimous decision over Jimmy Garcia, of Colombia. Hernandez, who injured his right hand in the third round, raised his record to 31 victories and one draw.

Arsenal's final fling

FOOTBALL: Arsenal won the women's League Cup for the third time with a comfortable 4-0 victory over the league champions, Doncaster Belles, at Cambridge United's Abbey Stadium yesterday. The final had been held over from last season. Britton, Spacey, Churchman and an own goal reflected Arsenal's superiority.

Nottingham impress

ICE HOCKEY: Nottingham Panthers are on the brink of reaching the Benson and Hedges Cup final after beating Edinburgh Racers 19-2 in a semi-final first leg. Cardiff *Devils, however, suffered two defeats in their European* Cup semi-final round, losing to Dukla Trencin, of Slovakia, and Tivali Minsk, in Latvia.

Sixth title ensures Ozaki is biggest in Japan

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN GOTEMBA, JAPAN

JUMBO Ozaki is a little too big to be described as golf's hidden secret, but it is only at home in Japan that he seems to produce the all-conquering form that sees him dominate the fairways in the manner of a sumo lifting all before him in the *dohyo* (ring).

Yesterday, he was at it again, winning the Sumitomo Visa Masters at the *Taiheiyo club, south of To*kyo, by five shots from Bob Estes, a Texan whose golfing education will have been considerably advanced by the past two weeks in Japan.

Estes, who won the Texas Open, his maiden victory on the US Tour, only last month, was 20 shots behind Ozaki in the Daiwa International a week ago — Fuzzy Zoeller, in second place, was 15 behind — and even though he finished with a 68 yesterday, for a total of 275, 13 under par, he was again an also-ran.

In perfect conditions, Ozaki kept all would-be challengers at bay with a 67, to equal José Maria Olazábal's record of 270, set four years ago. However, it was his last nine holes on Saturday that really saw off the opposition. He came home in 31, five under par, with only ten putts and opened up a three-shot gap on the field with birdies at the last four holes. Two more birdies at the first two holes yesterday and that was more or less that.

"This was my premier performance of the whole year," Ozaki said. He has now won six times this season, all in *Japan, and added another* 27 million yen (about £180,000) in prize-money to the 161 million that he had already won. "I'm looking forward to the major championships next year if this kind of form holds up."

Although he trailed Ozaki by ten shots, Severiano Ballesteros was content with his round of 68. He had driven the ball very well, he said, and that should stand him in good stead today when he teams up with Laura Davies in a televised match against a Japanese couple.

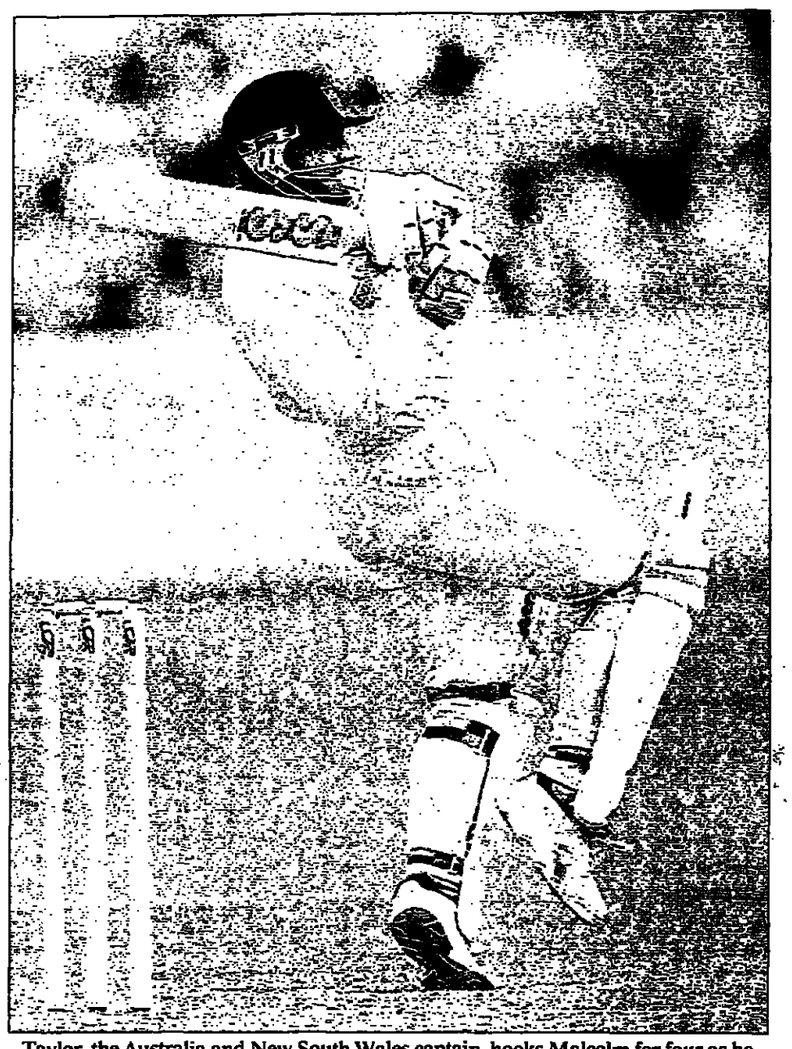
Davies, the woman's world No 1 and leading money-winner in the United States, recorded the seventh victory of the best season of her career — "by miles," she said — when she won the 54-hole Itoen tournament.

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Australian batsmen pose questions of disappointing England attack

Taylor fires Ashes warning

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN NEWCASTLE, AUSTRALIA



Taylor, the Australia and New South Wales captain, hooks Malcolm for four as he races to 150 against England at Newcastle yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

MOST tours have their honeymoon period and this one lasted all but a month. Inflated by misguided hyperbole and deceptive form against the weak and infirm of Australian cricket, England's worthy winter ambitions at last confronted reality this weekend, with an outcome both familiar and forbidding. Let the heartaches begin.

New South Wales are considerable opponents and England's last two attempts against them, in 1986 and 1991, *ended in heavy and ignominuously swift defeat.* Dominant in Australian domestic cricket, they have eight men in the national squad, five of whom are playing in this game. Of these, it was Mark Taylor and Mark Waugh who demonstrated, in a single session, the size of England's task in the Ashes series that begins next week.

It was not just that they put on 163 in only 140 minutes, it was the contemptuous way it was done. Waugh's 80 was made with footwork so smooth he might have been on roller skates. As so often, he was out when it all seemed too easy for him, something that can never be said of Taylor. He had not made a first-class century since the Christmas Test against South Africa last year, so he made certain this was a big one.

"We were taken apart in the middle session," confessed the England team manager, Keith Fletcher. In the sanctuary of the tea interval, Michael Atherton, the captain, let his feelings be known to his players. "Mike told them they had to get better, a lot better." Fletcher said. "You could say it *was a bollocking.*"

They did get better, if not a lot, and New South Wales finished a windswept second day, more suitable for the surfing that obsesses this town, 14 runs behind with five wickets down. As the men out include four of Australia's top five, the significance of the exchanges is obvious and the suspicion that taking 20 wickets to win a Test match might be beyond England's attack remains strong.

It was a chastening day for the England leadership. Both Atherton and Fletcher were woken early by journalists seeking their reaction to Sunday newspaper claims of match rigging by Lancashire and Essex, three years ago. *Atherton, who was abroad at* the time, denied all knowledge of the allegations made by a recently-dismissed Essex cricketer, Don Topley, and *Fletcher, wearily condemning* the story as "unnecessary hassle", said he knew of no cricket match ever being fixed.

While this latest sporting storm in a teacup blows out, of one thing we may be sure. Nobody rigs the Ashes. They will be contested with the customary fervour, judging by the heat generated yesterday during Phillip DeFreitas's opening burst against Taylor. The Australian captain survived several convincing leg-before shouts and the body language of DeFreitas could only kindly be described as registering disappointment.

"In a Test match, you can get fined for those sort of reactions," was Fletcher's warning. Darrell Hair, a Test *umpire, was moved to have a* cautionary word with Atherton, but the matter will go no further.

DeFreitas's temper may be *a concern to England, but his* bowling is not. Yesterday, he looked every inch a high quality international seamer and his concession of only 37 runs from 20 overs was remarkable in the circumstances.

He also took the wicket of Michael Slater, who then had *to spend the afternoon satisfy*ing a snake-like queue of autograph hunters among a 5,000-strong crowd while Taylor and Waugh pillaged from the less impressive among England's bowlers.

Devon Malcolm was the most culpable. The loudly-trumpeted propaganda is that Malcolm's speed can decide the series. This always was a theory to raise eyebrows, but, with many more days like this, it will be raising plenty of Australian chuckles, too. In fairness, the pitch at this unlovely, utilitarian ground was several yards too slow for Malcolm's needs, but he is unlikely to encounter one to suit his requirements ideally until the last Test in Perth, which may be far too late to matter.

Cut with merciless relish by Taylor, Malcolm conceded 70 runs in 15 innocuous overs. Craig White looked an improbable third seamer and the two spin bowlers, who have had little exercise so far, were plainly in need of the work. Philip Tufnell also had to contend with constant crude abuse from the crowd, but the scope and shape of his bowling improved hour by hour and he fully deserved the wicket of a restrained Michael Bevan, who had spent 48 minutes immobile on six.

Bevan gave a second outfield catch to Mike Gatting, who had earlier held a miscue by Taylor *against White's* loosener. These were about the only consolations of the weekend for Gatting, who had been as guilty as several others during a spell of vaudeville fielding climaxed bizarrely when Taylor and Waugh collected an all-run six leg-byes, and whose contribution to England's 328 was a second-ball nought.

Graeme Hick's commanding 73, increasing his tour first-class aggregate to 419 in five innings, was matched for poise and eclipsed for pertinence by John Crawley's 71. Crawley is now surely ahead on points for the only available batting place and Gatting may soon be feeling that the *tour is passing him by.*

☐ New Zealand's first full-scale match in South Africa in 32 years ended in a draw yesterday as rain washed out play against Northern Transvaal. The South African provincial team scored 292 and 84 without loss in reply to New Zealand's 356 for nine declared. Stephen Fleming's 114 was the first century by a New Zealander in South Africa since Paul Barton scored 109 in the fifth Test at Port Elizabeth 32 years ago.

☐ Cameron Cuffy and Rajendra Dhanraj produced useful bowling spells for West Indies yesterday to enhance their claims of playing in the first Test against India later this week. Each claimed three wickets as the touring side bowled the Indian Board President's XI out for 238 on the opening day of the three-day tour match in Bangalore.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c Kershler b Maxwell	43
†S J Rhodes c Glassock b Lee	4
G R Hick c Robertson b Kershler	73
G P Thorpe b McNamara	67
M W Gatting c Waugh b Kershler	0
J P Crawley c Waugh b Holdsworth	71
C White lbw b Holdsworth	28
P A DeFreitas c Lee b McNamara	13
S D Udal b McNamara	1
D E Malcolm c McNamara	11
P C R Tufnell not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 5)	17
Total	328

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-80, 3-163, 4-163, 5-251, 6-234, 7-309, 8-313, 9-313

BOWLING: Holdsworth 15-2-69-2, Lee 11-2-57-1, Hick 7-1-30-0, McNamara 23.1-9-50-4, Maxwell 17-4-47-1, Robertson 19-0-61-0, Waugh 6-0-21-0, Kershler 8-2-27-2

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Gatting b White	150
M J Slater c Atherton b DeFreitas	18
M E Waugh c Tufnell b Hick	80
M G Bevan c Gatting b Tufnell	20
B E McNamara c sub b White	11
S Lee not out	15
N D Maxwell not out	6
Extras (lb 10, nb 2)	14
Total (5 wkts)	314

G R Robertson, †C A Glassuck, A J Kershler and W J Holdsworth to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-217, 3-266, 4-280, 5-302

BOWLING: DeFreitas 20-8-37-1 (2nb), Malcolm 15-0-70-0, White 17-4-60-2, Udal 17-1-66-0, Tufnell 16-2-60-1, Hick 3-0-11-1

Umpires: D B Hair and W P Sheaden.



Australians show total domination

Bradford Northern..... 0
Australia XIII 40

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

PETER Fox recited poetry to his Great Britain side before they upset Australia at Odsal in 1978. No stimulating verses could halt the inspiration coursing through Australian veins yesterday in notching an unbeaten half-century of wins against English club rugby league opposition.

A comprehensive eight-try dismissal of Fox's Bradford Northern emphatically completed the clean sweep of leading clubs for a fourth successive Kangaroo tour, a dismal 16-year home record.

Fox, ever the realist, gave his charges little hope beforehand and reckons that clubs are *in no position to compete* properly. That much was evident by the subsequent demolition job, but Fox's idea of re-introducing the Yorkshire and Lancashire teams to try to give Australia a game fails to address the actual problem. The English game — and the Great Britain team — relies almost exclusively for credibility on one club. Until there are more sides challenging Wigan, Australia's own stranglehold is likely to remain. Bradford, after all, were second to Wigan until yesterday, yet were incapable of mustering even a point.

There was some commited tackling — and a fine performance by Simpson at full-back, despite trying circumstances and only his second appearance this season. Their handling was not especially bad in foul conditions, but Australia feed on *the minutest of mistakes.*



Renouf: ping-pong try

Up against any other full-back, an innocuous kick of the sort Deryck Fox directed at Mullins in the first half would have caused little worry, but Mullins, ten yards from his line, came careering forward and, in a trice, Daley was in support to release Smith, who is deserving of at least a substitute's place in the final international next Sunday.

Kicking behind Mullins and getting him to bend his tall frame failed to work either. There were some helpless expressions as his long limbs hot-tailed it out of defence in the second half, the precursor to a six-man movement that sent in Wishart, the scorer of 12 points.

In the first half, Renouf spotted the smallest of gaps from acting half-back on the final tackle, the ball was kept alive in ping-pong fashion for Clyde to go over before the *second-row forward popped* up on the right to give Ettingshausen a clear run in.

There was some encouragement for *Elland Road as* Newlove stifled Meninga for much of the time in the centre. By this time, however, the barn door was flapping after the first half, although the cascade did not quite materialise. Walters did well switching play right to send in Hancock, but Fairleigh then stretched out a hand to touch down a chip by Daley and Smith rounded this display off with his second touchdown.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Smith (2), Renouf, Ettingshausen, Clyde, Hancock, Wishart, Fairleigh. Penalty goals: Wishart (4).

BRADFORD NORTHERN: R Simpson; C Hall, D Fraise, P Newlove, D Myers; N Summers, D Fox; R Powell, P Russell (sub: J Donohoe, 46min), J Clegg, A Greenwood (sub: C Winterburn, 27), B McDermott (sub: D Hearn, 40), P Medley (sub: J Horner, 52)

AUSTRALIA XIII: B Mullins (Canberra); A Ettingshausen (Cronulla), M Meninga (Canberra; sub: D Furner, Canberra, 64), S Renouf (Brisbane; sub: M Hancock, Brisbane, 40), R Wishart (Illawarra), L Daley (Canberra), R Stuart (Canberra; sub: A Langer, Brisbane, 60); G Lazarus (Brisbane), S Walters (Canberra), D Pay (Canterbury; sub: D Fairleigh, North Sydney, 40), J Smith (Canterbury), B Clyde (Canberra), B Fittler (Penrith).

Referee: S Cummings

Leeds prevail in ill-tempered affair

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LEEDS moved up to second place in the rugby league Stones Bitter Championship, three points behind Wigan, with a stormy 30-28 victory at Featherstone Rovers yesterday. The home side had Mark Aston sent off for a late tackle on Alan Tait, while two other players from each side, including Garry Schofield, the Great Britain stand-off half, spent time in the sin-bin.

Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain coach, scored two tries for Leeds to give them the edge and the visitors sealed victory when Richie Eyres, a substitute, went over eight minutes from time for their fifth try.

Scott Gibbs played a vital role for St Helens for the second successive game as they ended Halifax's seven-game winning sequence deep in time added-on. The Welsh centre, who scored two tries at Doncaster in midweek, swooped for another couple in an 18-14 victory.

A penalty by John Schuster *looked to have earned Halifax* a draw, until Gibbs weighed in with his last-gasp touchdown after Tommy Martyn's attempted dropped goal had been blocked.

Warrington pulled back a 15-0 deficit to record a 32-26 triumph at Wakefield Trinity, courtesy of four tries by Mark Forster on the wing. Warrington's decision to bring on Kelly Shelford as a substitute proved inspired as he scored a try after just five minutes on the field.

Alex Green's 75-yard interception try stole a point for Doncaster, who pulled back a 12-6 half-time deficit at Widnes to level at 12-12. In a frantic finale, Jamie Bloem could have snatched victory for Doncaster, but failed with two attempted dropped goals.

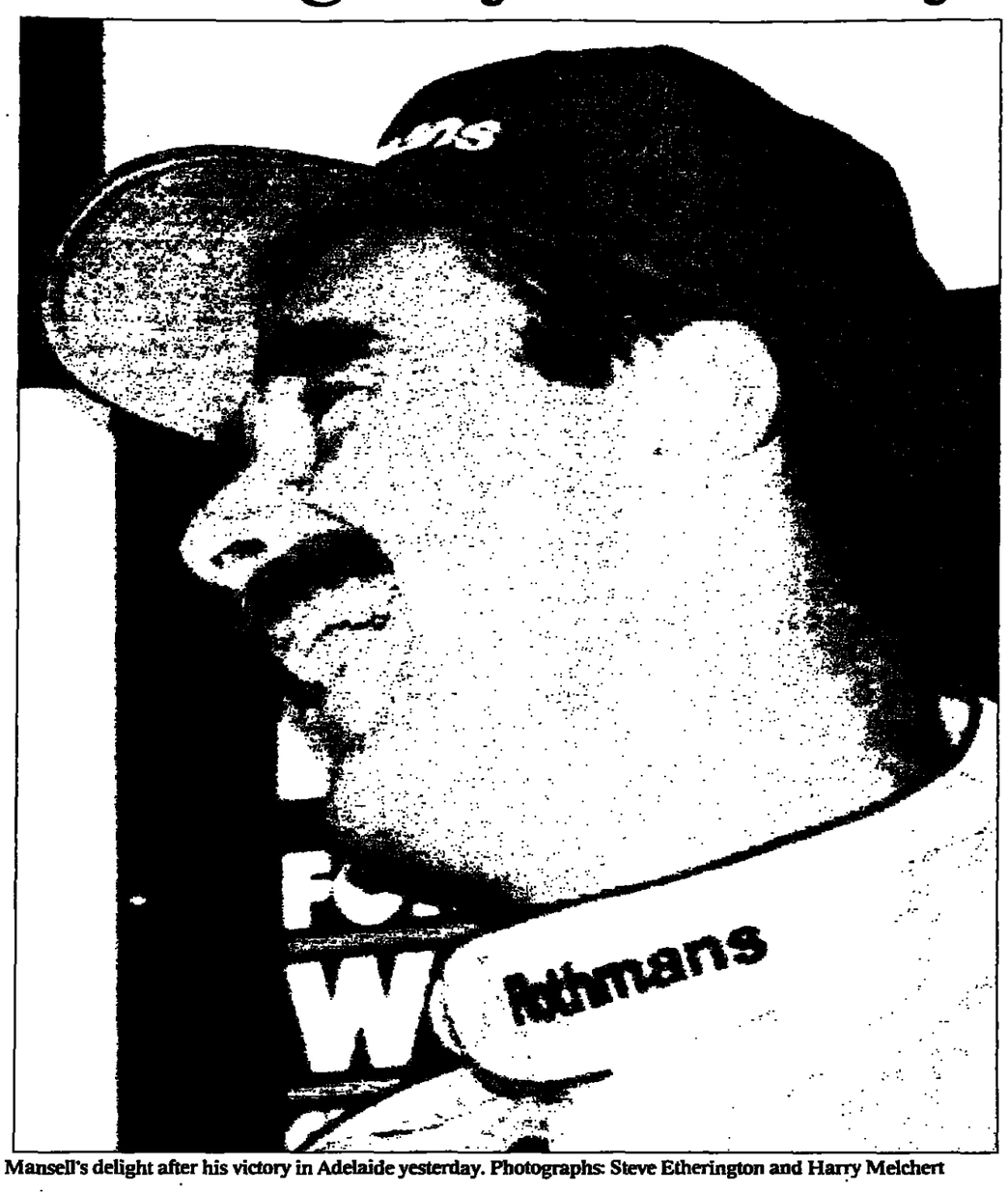
Hull pushed Workington to the bottom of the table by defeating Salford 29-16 — their first home win of the season.

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British veteran takes advantage of title contenders' collision to win Australian Grand Prix

Mansell recaptures former glory in victory





Hill's despair after the collision with Schumacher that cost him any chance of the championship contrasts with Mansell's delight after his victory in Adelaide yesterday. Photographs: Steve Etherington and Harry Melchert

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN ADELAIDE

NIGEL Mansell ended one of the worst years in his motor racing career on the highest possible note here yesterday when he led home a parade of golden oldies to record his 31st Formula One victory. Starting from pole position, he won the Australian Grand Prix by 2.5sec from the Ferrari of Gerhard Berger and gave his chances of driving for Williams next year a huge fillip.

Frank Williams, the team owner, reiterated after the race that Damon Hill's position within the team was secure next year and that he faced a "difficult decision" choosing either Mansell or the talented young Scot, David Coulthard, to be his team-mate.

But Mansell's first Australian Grand Prix victory secured the constructors' championship for Williams ahead of Benetton and it will be difficult for the team to let him go again, as they did in 1992 after he had won the drivers' championship with a record nine victories.

Hill, who missed out on the drivers' championship yesterday after a collision with Michael Schumacher, appeared to give his tacit backing to Mansell after the race. "I would not really want to express any preference," he said.

"But it has worked out well with Nigel this weekend. In his favour, he has got a lot of experience and I am delighted that he won here.

"I am not taking anything away from David. He is only 23 and he has driven very well all season. I am sure he has got a great future in Formula One but Nigel is 41 and he's got a great future too. He loves to race and he is very, very popular."

Berger is also a fan. "After today, I think maybe Frank will have to dig a bit deeper into his pockets," he said.

Mansell, who did not win a race in the second year of his self-imposed exile to IndyCar racing this season, but has competed in four Formula One races, made a good start but was still overhauled by the two title contenders as they went into the first corner. Seconds later, he ran wide, lost more time and was fifth at the end of the first lap.



Williams: decision

He had worked his way into third place, past the Jordan-Hart of Rubens Barrichello and the McLaren-Peugeot of Mika Hakkinen into third place, more than 40 seconds behind Schumacher. He inherited the lead after the 36th-lap crash that eliminated both the young German and Hill and then withstood a spirited challenge from Berger.

Mansell lost the lead to the Austrian when he made his second and final pit stop after 54 laps of the 81-lap race and Berger took advantage of his rival's heavier fuel load to open up a 19-second lead. When he made his own stop two laps later, he emerged just in front of the Englishman.

Mansell harassed him continually for the next five laps, weaving and attempting to dive inside him until he pressured him into a mistake. Seventeen laps from the end, the Ferrari ran wide at a fast right-hand bend, and when it mounted a kerb Mansell nipped past.

Berger stayed with him but any chance he had of trying to overtake Mansell was lost when he was held up by the Sauber-Mercedes of Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who may have mistaken him for Jean Alesi, Berger's team-mate, with whom he was fighting for seventh place.

Berger shook his fist at Frentzen before he finally forced his way past. By then, Mansell was out of reach and his mechanics hung over the pit wall as he roared past. Both arms out of the cockpit, he punched the air in triumph after he had taken the chequered flag.

The victory maintained his record of having won a race in every year since 1988 and was the final proof that he still has the stamina for Formula One.

"I was pleasantly surprised to see how fit he looked when he got out of the car," Williams said. After the race, Mansell said: "There are a number of different scenarios for next year. In fact, there are three and I am pretty sure that one of them will work out. I have got them all covered but we will have to be a little bit more patient until we see whether I am going fishing or motor racing. The desire to be in Formula One is still there or else I would not have raced here. I know I have not won the world championship but sitting here I feel as if I have. It has been a very exciting experience coming back."



Coulthard: promising

Williams are the favourites to take Mansell now, but if they decide to opt for Coulthard instead, Ferrari may effect an amicable divorce with Alesi to make room for him. Even Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director, refused to rule out a move for Mansell.

"The situationn with our second car is completely open," he said. "Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, is known to be a firm advocate of Coulthard but Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's supremo, is pushing for Mansell to go to Williams and if Renault have also been convinced by his performances, the team's hand may be forced. "I think their decision is very easy," Ecclestone said. "They would have to have a lot of guts not to take him now."

A decision is expected within the next fortnight and until it is made, many of the drivers will be sweating on their positions. Martin Brundle, who finished a fine third in his McLaren-Peugeot, will be under threat if Coulthard comes on to the market. "It is a game of musical chairs," he said, "and I don't think the music will stop until Nigel sits down on his fishing stool or in the carbon fibre seat of his racing car."

☐ In the small German town of Kerpen yesterday, nobody cared whether Schumacher had deliberately shunted Hill out of championship contention. Four hundred noisy Schumacher supporters gathered in a school hall at 3am to watch television pictures as the local boy was crowned the first German motor racing champion. They endured a hushed agony as Hill nursed his car back to the pits with Schumacher already out following their collision, only to explode with joy and relief when Hill stepped out of his car to quit the race. "Sorry Damon, it's all over," they chorused, dancing over tables and chairs. Not waiting to see the race end, most drove off to wake Kerpen with blaring carhorns.

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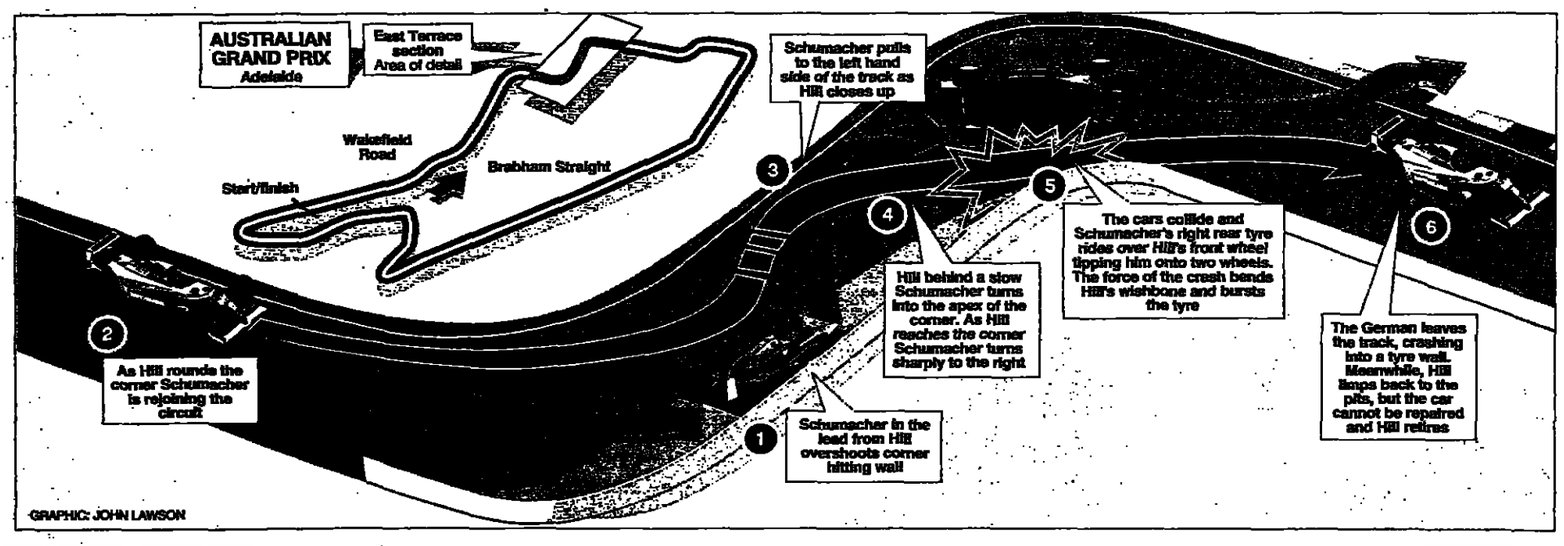
After 16 races

Drivers' championship

1, M Schumacher (Ger)	92
2, D Hill (GB)	91
3, G Berger (Austria)	41
4, M Hakkinen (Fin)	26
5, J Alesi (Fr)	24
6, R Barrichello (Br)	19
7, M Brundle (GB)	16
8, D Coulthard (GB)	14
9, N Mansell (GB)	13
10, J Verstappen (Holl)	10
11, O Panis (Fr)	9
12, M Blundell (GB)	8
13, H-H Frentzen (Ger)	7
14=, N Larini (It)	6
14=, C Fittipaldi (Br)	6
14=, E Irvine (GB)	6
17, U Katayama (Japan)	5
18=, E Bernard (Fr)	4
18=, K Wendlinger (Austria)	4
18=, A de Cesaris (It)	4
18=, P Martini (It)	4
22, G Morbidelli (It)	3
23, E Comas (Fr)	2
24=, M Alboreto (It)	1
24=, J J Lehto (Fin)	1

Constructors' championship

1, Williams 118pts; 2, Benetton 103; 3, Ferrari 71; 4, McLaren 42; 5, Jordan 26; 6=, Tyrrell 13; 6=, Ligier 13; 8, Sauber 12; 9, Footwork 9; 10, Minardi 5; 11, Larrousse 2.



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ADELAIDE RESULTS

TAG HEUER

81 laps
191.155 miles

1, N Mansell (GB) Williams 1hr 47min 51.480sec (av speed 105.836mph), 2, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, at 2.511sec; 3, M Brundle (GB) McLaren, at 52.487sec; 4, R Barrichello (Br) Jordan, at 1min, 10.530sec; 5, O Panis (Fr) Ligier, 1 lap behind; 6, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, 1 lap, 7, H-H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber, 1 lap; 8, C Fittipaldi (Br) Footwork 1 lap, 9, P Martini (It) Minardi, 2 laps; 10, J J Lehto (Fin) Sauber, 2 laps, 11, F Lagorce (Fr) Ligier, 2 laps; 12, M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren, 2 laps.

Fourteen cars did not finish

Fastest lap: M Schumacher (Ger) Benetton, 1min 17.140sec (109.616mph).



Ndah's spectacular strike inspires non-league side to memorable first-round triumph

Brady bows as paupers turn kings for a day



Andrew Longmore sees humble Kingstonian grab their moment of glory by beating Brighton 2-1

AT THE end of a turbulent week for football, it was quite comforting to find that nothing much has changed in the FA Cup. Professional teams still try to play proper football against teams of electricians and computer salesmen — and they still come croppers.

Liam Brady's Brighton did just that at Kingsmeadow.

FA CUP

Brighton were, by some distance, the better side and they lost to two goals — one spectacular, one scrambled — by a student turned estate agent who once had a trial with Millwall. That is the FA Cup. You cannot put a finger on the reason for it, but, for strange and glorious afternoons, trainee estate agents become Romarios and ordinary little clubs like Kingstonian, of the Diadora League, grow as mighty as Real Madrid. It is one of the immutable laws of the game.

The only possible explanation is that non-league players have a more instinctive understanding of the nature of the Cup than players drilled in the lower leagues. They know they have to do something different. Brighton played league football: efficient, predictable, percentage football. Football to win points. Kingstonian played cup football: desperate, naive, spirited, ambitious and, for just the odd decisive moment, truly inspirational.

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, Jamie Ndah's ridiculous bicycle kick, which let the Cup genie loose in the suburbs of southwest London as early as the second minute, would have hit the perimeter wall — on a wet Tuesday night in the league, he would probably not have tried the trick at all — but the Cup permits such audacity, demands it even, and so Ndah won his 15 seconds of fame on *Match of the Day* and made a mockery of the three-division gap separating the teams.

It added a nice touch of lustre to the deed that Ndah's brother, Micky, was playing in defence, while a third brother, George, is on the fringes of the Crystal Palace first team and witnessed the triumph. Though all three were born in London they would be qualified to play for Nigeria, the land of their parents, at Wembley on Wednesday.

Jamie, the eldest at 23, has just completed a course in European business studies and Spanish at the London Guildhall, but he has not completely given up hope of playing professional football before settling into a life of selling houses. He advertised his services with some panache on Saturday.

"He could go further in the game, for sure," Micky Droy, once of Chelsea and the newly-appointed manager of Kingstonian, said. "He's a nice lad and he works hard. If the fence wasn't there, he'd run all the way down the A3."

Droy was a cult figure at Stamford Bridge, a mountainous centre half, but he has enjoyed more success in running his electrical wholesale business than he ever did playing in the FA Cup. Perhaps that is why he returned to football. He does not need the money but he needs football and, once he had been asked by Kingstonian to take over two months ago, there was only ever going to be one reply. "I just had to sit back and see if I could devote enough time to it because this takes a lot of time, if you're going to do it properly," he said.

Yet the most touching image of the day was not the smile on Droy's face, the joy of Ndah's celebrations or the dance of delight with which Chris Kelly, the chief executive of Kingstonian, relived his own tie-winning goal for Leatherhead against Brighton 20 years ago. It was that of Brady, a man who has walked round Wembley as a Cup-winner, who has played football to a standard way out of reach of anyone at Kingsmeadow, politely waiting to be interviewed as Ndah basked in the attention.

When his turn came, Brady was not complimentary about his side, which has now lost ten of its last 11 games: "We're not scoring goals and you get an awful feeling when you miss chances in a match like this that it's not going to be your day," he said, "but that's part and parcel of the Cup. We've just got to suffer the embarrassment and get on with it."

To be fair, Brighton were missing the experience of two Cup finalists — Steve Foster (Brighton 1982-3) and Jimmy Case (Liverpool 1976-7, Brighton 1982-3) — through injury, while Frank Stapleton, Brady's former Arsenal Cup-winning colleague, was not picked. Any one of them might have steadied the ship. Yet, once Codner, who equalised in the first half, had seen his shot rebound off the crossbar early in the second — and a claim for a blatant penalty had been turned down soon after — Kingstonian found confidence anew, through the persistence of Ndah and the pace of the Ghanaian, Eddie Akuamoah.

From then on, the match took on the irreversible momentum of the Cup shock and it was only true to tradition that Ndah should crown his afternoon with the winner ten minutes from time, sending normally sedate suburbia into delirium.

The local bookmaker was the only one in Kingston with a long face. He had offered 4-1 against a home victory and been soaked by a few of Droy's friends. No need for mysterious Far Eastern syndicates nor inexplicable goalkeeping errors when the spirit of the Cup is afoot.

KINGSTONIAN (4-4-2): D Root — D O'Neill, M Ndah (sub: D Bird, 60min), J Finch, P Barton — J Daly, D Harlow, D Kempton, F Okenla (sub: P Wingfield, 72) — J Ndah, E Akuamoah.
BRIGHTON (4-4-2): N Rust — P Smith, P McCarthy, C Pates, S Tuck — M Chamberlain (sub: S Munday, 79), J Minton, R Codner, I Chapman (sub: P Andrews, 85) — J McDougald, K Nogan.
Referee: S Dunn.



Kingstonian's goal comes under pressure as Smith, the Brighton defender, tries to emulate Ndah's success with an overhead kick

Guiseley's hopes dashed by inventive Thomas

Guiseley 1
Carlisle United 4

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

AS THE second half unravelled at Valley Parade yesterday, Carlisle slipped into exhibition mode. "We were showboating." Mick Wadsworth, the director of coaching at the Cumbrian club, said. "My players tried to be too elaborate, but, in a way, that's good. I like them to express themselves."

Carlisle's football was far too articulate for Guiseley in this FA Cup first-round tie, played at Bradford City's ground. Second in the Endsleigh Insurance League third division, Wadsworth's team bewildered their Northern Premier League opponents with some bewitching passing and movement.

Carlisle made their invention count after 20 minutes, when Thomas embarked on a loping run, covering more than half the length of the pitch. It concluded with a brilliant tackle from Bottomley. The ensuing corner was played short to Currie, who crossed for Reeves to head home.

Sometimes roaming wide on the left, sometimes wide on the right and occasionally acting as an auxiliary left back, Thomas was a menace Guiseley never got to grips with. If he was as good on his left foot as his favoured right, Thomas would surely be playing in the FA Carling Premiership. That is where he seemed destined when a bright young thing attending the Football Association's school at Lilleshall. Things then failed to work out at Watford, but the Cumbrian air is clearly suiting him.

He played a part in the second goal, too, in the nineteenth minute. When Currie's corner was only partly cleared, Thomas redirected the ball back into the penalty area and Conway applied the finishing touch.

To their credit, Guiseley failed to fold. Well organised and clearly high on adrenalin, their misfortune was in facing Reeves, Currie and Thomas — a fearsome triple attack.

Still, Guiseley should have scored just before the break. Edmondson tripped Horsefield and Roberts strode forward to take the penalty. The impressive Caig denied him, diving low to push the ball away one-handed.

Dickinson, in the Guiseley goal, also had a good game. He not only commanded his area, but also contributed a couple of splendid reflex saves from Reeves. He was, however, beaten again by Mountfield's header from a corner in the 65th minute.

This was the cue for that Cumbrian showboating, — and a goal for Guiseley. At least it was memorable. Brockie letting fly, first time, from 25 yards in the 72nd minute.

Carlisle's rapid breaks had proved a recurring theme and a typical example was responsible for Reeves's second goal, from Conway's cross, eight minutes from time.

At least Guiseley's decision to relocate the tie from their tiny Nethermoor ground guaranteed healthy gate receipts, thanks to a 6,548 gathering at Bradford.

GUISELEY (4-4-2): S Dickinson — P Atkinson, V Brockie, S Richards, C Hogarth — P Cawthorne (sub: L James, 57min), P Bottomley, C Allen, W Roberts — R Colville (sub: M Flanigan, 75), G Horsefield.
CARLISLE UNITED (4-3-3): A Caig — D Edmondson (sub: J Joyce, 81), D Walling, D Mountfield, A Gallimore — P Conway (sub: G Thorpe, 85), R Probes, S Davey, D Currie — D Reeves, R Thomas.
Referee: P Richards.

Golden age buried in bog

Bishop Auckland 0
Bury 0

BY PETER BALL

THE first round of the FA Cup is guaranteed to be an occasion at non-league grounds. No such certainty attaches to the quality of the football, as the BBC discovered at Kingsway on Saturday.

Bishop Auckland against Bury had a certain ring to it — two clubs with great pasts, the Manchester United of the amateur game against the club that won the Cup itself 91 years ago. It looked a natural for *Match of the Day*, but quite what the expected 30 million viewers across the world made of this slogging match on a sloping mud heap can only be guessed at.

Once the Bishop Auckland team of Warren Bradley and Bob Hardesty were as familiar a sight on television — from their appearances at Wembley in the FA Amateur Cup final — as Stanley Matthews, but those times have gone. The locals enjoyed it for all that, in spite of the rain, which, by lunchtime, had turned the ground into a bog and drenched spectators as they huddled along the touchline.

"Are you watching, Spennymoor?" they sang delightedly for the cameras, a point scored in the parochial rivalries that dominate football in the North East. A pipe band played, the streets around the ground buzzed with anticipation and the social club was packed, with the sale of pints reaching a record level.

Yet only the famous dark-and-light-blue-halved shirts recalled the days when Bishop Auckland did more to make the land of the Prince Bishops famous than the Bishop of Durham. The horizons of the Northern Premier League club are restricted by their ground. With the cricket pitch taking up one side and the goal at the bottom opened to the rolling country behind, it would need money to meet even the Vauxhall Conference requirements.

Bishop Auckland did their best to turn the conditions and the unfamiliarity of the setting to their advantage, but Bury coped impassively. They have the best defensive record in the top four divisions and it showed. Their back four was a solid, well-organised unit which gave the home side hardly a glimpse of goal.

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Bury also have Gary Kelly. The older brother of Alan, the Ireland international, he has had an uncertain two years, with an appalling injury suffered against Bolton threatening his career and his tenure being further unsettled by a spell on loan at West Ham United.

Widely believed to be the more talented of the brothers, his lack of height has told against him, but there is no doubting his athleticism and when the home side did provide him with his one real test, just before the interval, he was equal to it, leaping acrobatically to turn aside David Lobb's header.

Yet if Bury held out comfortably enough, they offered even less threat, with little to indicate why they are the third division leaders in the Endsleigh Insurance League.

"The only problems they caused us in the game were from long throw-ins and corners," Tony Lee, the Bishop Auckland manager, said with some accuracy. From one corner, Lucketti hit the post, but, apart from that, Bishop, the home side's goalkeeper, was a virtual spectator, until forced to make a save in the closing minutes.

Lee had other concerns. A bookmaker, he had accepted a £100 bet on the draw at 5-2. "When I've sobered up later on I won't be very happy with that," he said.

The thought that his side's best chance has gone may also trouble him, but he took encouragement from the knowledge that Bishop Auckland won at Macclesfield in the previous round after drawing at home.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (4-4-2): S Bonnes — S West, D Lobb, M Walker, D Lucketti (sub: C Suter, 83min) — R Toone, P Wallace (sub: C West, 62), K Todd, M Parkinson — D Laws, G Adams.
BURY (4-4-2): G Kelly — P Gross, T Lucketti, T Matthewson, P Stringfellow — A Reid, N Daws, R Mauge, D Rush — L Jonsson (sub: J Mullican, 79), M Seddon.
Referee: R Furnandiz.

Villa pay heavily for pitch invasion

ASTON Villa have been fined £9,367 by Uefa, European football's governing body, for a pitch invasion by their supporters at Villa Park after the club's Uefa Cup second round exit against Trabzonspor, of Turkey earlier this month.

Villa had previously been warned by Uefa about security after a similar incursion at the end of their penalty shoot-out victory over Internazionale in the first round of the competition. The Turkish club was also fined — £6,244 — for a pitch invasion by their supporters after their away-goals win in the second round.

Athletic Bilbao were fined £13,333 after fans ran on the pitch during their 1-0 Uefa Cup second-leg victory over Newcastle United. The Spanish side went through on away goals after the tie ended 3-3 on aggregate.

The Liverpool striker, Robbie Fowler, has been suspended for three matches for being sent off during a recent England Under-21 match against Austria.

Ashford spot silver lining

Ashford Town 2
Fulham 2

BY DAVID POWELL

AT A recent board meeting of Ashford Town, a new director suggested that the headed notepaper should list the honours the club had won. "Everyone erupted into fits of laughter," Neil Cugley, the manager, recalled. In their 64-year history, Ashford have won nothing much, only the Kent Senior Cup and the Kent League.

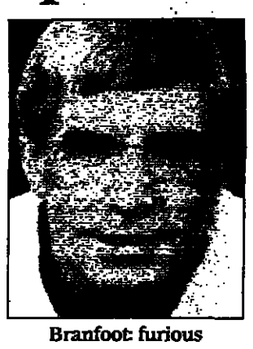
Ashford's story is one of long toil and little success. A win over Fulham in the first round of the FA Cup on Saturday would have been an unprecedented treat for a club that, less than three years ago, was struggling for survival with debts of £150,000. Not that Alan Lancaster, secretary for the last 41 years, was complaining about the referee, who, having got Fulham into a mess by allowing the match to be played on an appalling pitch, got them out of it by awarding them two controversial penalties.

Both came in the last ten minutes, neither were clear-cut and Ashford's two-goal lead was gone. "The match should not have been played," Ian Branfoot, the Fulham manager, said. Branfoot was furious that Andy D'Urso, the referee, had declared the pitch fit and, inevitably, he made the point that the conditions improved the underdogs' chances. Fulham, Branfoot said, had played poorly — "what do you expect on a pitch like that?" On such a wet, sticky surface, mud-wrestling would have made the perfect pre-match entertainment.

Lancaster was relieved that the game proceeded because it guaranteed Ashford £12,000 from Sky television and, surprisingly until his explanation was heard, the secretary was almost glad of the penalties. Ashford are still £105,000 in debt and a replay at Craven Cottage tomorrow week is what was needed.

"The ring of the cash register is sweeter than the ring of the victory bell," Lancaster said. "When we drew Fulham at home, we thought of it as the launching pad for our recovery. Now we have got a share of Fulham's gate and that is more important than being in the draw for the next round."

Cugley conceded that the match should "maybe not" have gone ahead. He was undecided whether the first penalty should have been given, Morris having been adjudged to have tripped Moore, but convinced that Andy Pearson had stopped a shot with his chest and that a second penalty, for handball, was not justified. Adams gave Munden no chance with either and Fulham were spared, temporarily at least, the ignominy of losing for the third time in four years to a non-league club in the first round.



Branfoot: furious

Finalists 20 seasons ago, Fulham have not beaten a league club in the FA Cup for eight years — indeed, not since before Alan Cork, their veteran forward, gained a winner's medal with Wimbledon in 1988. Until the penalties came, only Cork, now 35, seemed to trouble the home defence — in contrast to Ashford, whose eager front-runners were given good supply by the midfield pair of Smith and Wheeler. Cork had little support.

Ashford, of the Beazer Homes League southern division, are the last survivors from the preliminary round. They played four men forward and kept attacking even after Arter and Dent had put them two up with 19 minutes remaining. Cugley went home with his mind on Wembley. He had to be up next morning to take a youth party tour to the national stadium.

ASHFORD TOWN (4-2-4): M Munden — A Morris, A Pearson, R Pearson, A Lamorre — J Wheeler, M. Smith — M Stanton, D Arter, N Dent, J Ross.
FULHAM (4-4-2): J Stannard — A Finnigan (sub: D Jupp, 56min), M Blake, K Moore, R Herrera — J Marshall, S Morgan, M Mison, M Adams — A Cork, R Haworth.
Referee: A D'Urso.

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Aylesbury march on but island's honour survives

Newport (IoW) 2
Aylesbury United 3

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHEN Newport last appeared in the first round of the FA Cup, made-to-measure suits started at £11, Spanish wine sold for 7 shillings (14p) a bottle and a four-bedroom house, with two greenhouses and garage, went for £4,500. Or you could cruise downtown Cowes in a top-of-the-range Cresta for £1,073.17s.0d.

Saturday, November 15, 1958, was a great day on the Isle of Wight. Newport's Church Litten ground was packed with 5,600 supporters, paying gate receipts of £600, and Shrewsbury Town were held 0-0. Arthur Rowley, the then leading scorer in the Football League, with 294 goals, drew a blank.

Almost exactly 36 years on, with many a wrinkled face sparkling at the memory, the island reacquainted itself with the FA Cup proper. Four qualifying victories had given Newport, seventeenth in the Beazer Homes League southern division, a first-round tie with Aylesbury United, third in the Diadora League premier division.

Another chance to reach the second round, for only the third time in the club's 106-year history: another chance to indulge in a fantasy that so rarely crosses the Solent. At St George's Park on Saturday, a brief walk from the ghosts of Church Litten, Newport (IoW) tried again.

It was, in the finest tradition of the competition, not to be. As the Ducks from Aylesbury waddled back to the mainland, feathers ruffled but dreams intact, the Caulkheads, Overners and Grockles — locals, day-trippers and holidaymakers — drifted off reasonably content, too. Honour, at least, had been maintained on the island. There was no ideal 72nd-year birthday present for Hylton Bunday, the long-serving Newport president; no wild street celebrations among the 20,000 population; and no eager anticipation of the second-round draw. Just a record crowd, 2,217, and that most frustrating of FA Cup feelings — what might have been.

What might have been had Rob Harris, the referee, not given Aylesbury a debatable 77th-minute penalty when Newport were frantically trying to reduce the 2-1 gap. What might have been had he awarded a debatable penalty to Newport in the final minute, as Aylesbury desperately clung to their 3-2 lead.

"We feel a bit hard done by," Steve Mellor, the Newport manager, said afterwards. "The game hinged on those two decisions, one given and one not, but it's gone now. My players were magnificent and it was still a great Cup tie."

So it was. The FA Cup in its purest form. Groundstaff-up early and forking the waterlogged pitch until kick-off; part-time players trudging through the mire until the legs could give no more; a frenzied closing duel until the final whistle. Chronologically, the script was perfect, too.



Mellor: "a bit hard done by"

Soares gave Newport, psyched-up by the usual pre-match fix from the dressing room ghetto-blaster, an eleventh-minute advantage, but Hercules quickly equalised and then edged Aylesbury in front on the hour. Pluckrose drove in the penalty that was, after Bashir had been nudged over by Baldwin, Soares added his second, with eight minutes remaining, and Aylesbury somehow survived.

The last-minute challenge of Wild, the goalkeeper, on Butler, the substitute, went unpenalised. Aylesbury will perhaps go on to greater deeds while, for Newport, consolation will come later in the season, when they attempt to win the Isle of Wight Gold Cup for the fourth year in succession. Parochial it may be, but, at £20,000, it is the most valuable trophy in England and is fiercely contested among the island's teams.

Its value decrees that, after the presentation ceremony, it is whisked back to the bank vault, where it stays until next time. Yet, while the FA Cup — worth just £12,403.30, including VAT — is not in the same league, involvement in it, as always, is priceless. Saturday, at St George's Park, was such a day.

NEWPORT (4-4-2): J Simpkins — A Wooten, L Phillips, S Ritchie, N Wickens — J Webb, J Savage, D Baldwin, B Rodgers (sub: L Connack, 73mins) — E Pearson (sub: S Butler 88), C Soares.
AYLESBURY UNITED (4-4-2): R Wild — L Harvey, M Hayward, M Barnes, L Brayshaw — N Bashir, S Heard, I Hazell, A Pluckrose — P Murray (sub: J Glencross 90), C Hercules.
Referee: R Harris.

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Professionals from the capital are tested by Tiverton's country cousins

Postman's knock rouses Orient



These Orient supporters celebrating their team's first goal escaped serious injury after falling onto the pitch as a wall collapsed. Photograph: Marc Hill



Simon Barnes ventures deep into the West Country in pursuit of a possible victory for the underdog

After a horrid week, football took its soul to the lands of setting sun, there to be washed clean in the rushing waters of the River Exe. Without romance, football has no point whatsoever: whenever the big game runs short of this precious commodity, we can turn to the FA Cup.

Tiverton Town, a team from the Great Mills (Western) League, took on Leyton Orient of the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance (Football) League in the first round on Saturday — great v small, London v Devon, Orient v Occident — and a competition that fills such places as Tiverton, or such places as England, with a tang of romance that even the addition of a sponsor's name cannot obliterate.

Thus we had butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, against full-time professionals. Orient had not won away from home for more than a year. Tivvy had not merely beaten teams from higher leagues, they had blown them away. We sniffed upset, glory: the eternal Mills and Boon plot of football.

It is tempting, of course, to rhapsodise Tiverton as footballers with hayseeds in their socks and ferrets down their shorts, ooh-arring, cidering and clodhopping to outrageous unexpected peaks, but football's romance is industrial, not agrarian. Tiverton is a product of the Industrial Revolution. It grew overnight when a textile entrepreneur from the North West moved south in search of a more biddable workforce.

Modern Tiverton is more light-industrial than agribiz. In suave, sophisticated Exeter, Tiverton is regarded much as Capetonians regard the Cape Flats. They speak, shuddering, of unending petty criminality and an extraordinary frequency of unwed maternity.

Down at the Ladysmead ground, there was nothing to confirm such terrible aspersions. Low industrial buildings to one of side of the ground, the tower of St Peter's church beyond. But Tiverton is not, in truth, an obviously romantic place.

That makes it footballing country. Football is (in this country, more probably was) a game of the streets rather than of the fields, better associated with great satanic mills than with mountains green. In the chartered streets of the nation's and the world's industrial areas, the handiest vehicle for romance is football.

Of the two teams on show, it was Orient that had the more agricultural approach. Tivvy that looked the city slickers. They have got where they are — Great Mills champions last year, this year running second to Elmore, also based in Tiverton — with fast-moving, fast-thinking passes.

Pretty, highly effective. With 12 minutes gone, Tiverton were a goal up, Everett setting up Smith for a nicely-worked goal, teacher assist, postman finish. There is an American basketball player called Karl "the mailman" Malone: "He always delivers". Smith, who had a blinder throughout, should steal the cognomen.

The game changed on a bizarre incident, one that might well have led to something more serious. Everything was going the Tiverton-



Littlewoods, sponsors of the FA Cup, yesterday launched their Giant Killing Trophy. The club that causes the biggest upset in each round will receive £10,000.

ian way until Nott, the goalkeeper, flapped a cross to Gray, who poked home and performed a Klinsmann swallow-dive in from of a small group of Orient followers on a grass bank. They surged forward in enthusiastic response and a waist-high wall of breeze blocks collapsed beneath them. For a brief, horrifying moment, 40-odd people lay in a heap on the pitch. One by one, they all got to their feet, one or two a mite shakily, one or two needing treatment for cuts and bruises. After a three-minute pause, the game continued.

Tiverton, though, were mortified, briefly shocked out of their not inelegant stride. Ten minutes later, they were leaving the pitch for half-time, 3-1 down and the match lost. Carter scored the second with a looping header, poor old Nott flat-footed beneath it and then West ran across the defence along the edge of the box and walloped home.

A lead of a single goal might have brought us a different second half, but Orient, lodged in the comfort zone of a goal in hand, were able to defy all that Tiverton threw at them. Which was a lot.

Their confidence was quite astonishing. Mark Saunders (traffic technician) brought a pair of good saves from Heald, Edwards (assistant manager in W. H. Smith) had the most audacious moment when he tried a 40-yard chip, but Heald got back in time.

Afterwards, the Tiverton manager, Martyn Rogers, said that the cloying pitch was against their free-flowing style, which is what league managers are supposed to say when they lose to non-league sides. Rogers was right, too.

Tiverton's gaze is now focused on the Beazer Homes League, but before such a thing can be, they must increase the size of their dressing-rooms and upgrade the grandstand.

The football already belongs there, if not higher, and, meanwhile, they can prove a point or two in the FA Vase. On Saturday, they take on mighty Saltash United, whom they hammered 3-0 in the league last week.

It takes more than a collapsed wall and a slightly fortunate Orient side take romantic dreams away from Tiverton. It takes more than a nasty scandal to take the romance out of football. Just as well: without romance, football totters.

TIVERTON TOWN (3-5-2): I Nott — H Steele, D Leonard, N Saunders, — P Edwards, S Daly, M Saunders, K Smith, S Hynds (sub: L Aunmuntoal, 42 mm; sub: M Tregedeon, 67) — P Everett, M Grimshaw.
LEYTON ORIENT (4-4-2): P Heald — I Hendon, T Howard, G Bellamy, K Austin — G Barnett (sub: B Lakin, 60), I Boge, G Cockerill, D Carter — A Gray (sub: M Dempsey, 75), C West.
Referee: C Wilkes

Caesar shows his power as tiny Marlow topple Oxford

Marlow 2
Oxford United 0

By Russell Kempson

IN YEARS to come, Remembrance Sunday will be recalled with more fondness than usual at Oak Tree Road. It was the day, in 1994, that Marlow registered their first FA Cup victory over League opposition, when Oxford United were humbled by the part-time players.

Several war veterans were present at the Alfred Davis Ground yesterday, wearing their medals with pride and paying their respects during a minute's silence before kick-off. Ninety minutes later, they, too, saluted the the third-from-bottom Diadora League premier division side.

It was John Caesar, the aptly-named Marlow striker, who caused the ultimate downfall of Oxford, joint-leaders of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division. His pace and power unnerved Oxford throughout and, when the opportunities arose, he struck quickly and cleanly.

For his first goal, in the 74th minute, he shrugged of Elliott and Collins, the United defenders, before planting the crispest of shots past Whitehead, the goalkeeper. For his second, four minutes from time, he was ideally placed after Whitehead could only parry McNamara's shot.

Yet two weeks ago, he almost moved to Aylesbury United in disgrace after a row with Peter Foley, the Marlow manager. "We had a little bit of a ding-dong, but it is all cleared up now." Caesar, a 29-year-old bricklayer, said: "It's all history and I am quite happy to stay here, especially after today."

Foley, in his first season at the club, gave credit for Caesar remaining at Oak Tree Road to Michael Eagleton, the Marlow chairman. "I felt John's attitude was not right and maybe a move was for the best," Foley said. "He was on his way to Aylesbury, but the chairman blocked it. It was a good decision."

For Foley, 38, victory was bitter-sweet. He spent ten years as a player with Oxford and still jointly holds their scoring record — 90 goals — with John Aldridge, now at Tranmere Rovers.

"Oxford still mean everything to me," the life assurance sales manager said. "I watched them as a youngster, played for them, work in Oxford, live near there and still go to see them when I can. But this has still got to be the best achievement in my life."

Foley possesses an FA Cup winner's medal, when he helped Bulova to the Hong Kong equivalent in 1983-84, but yesterday easily surpassed his oriental success. "It's unbelievable," he said. "You always think it might happen, especially with all our connections with Oxford, but you don't quite believe it will. I would love to get plastered now, but I have an important meeting tomorrow." Such is life in the Diadora League.

Peter Rhoades-Brown, one of the five former United players in the Marlow line-up, expects even more ribbing from his Oxford colleagues. He is the football-in-the-community officer at the Manor Ground.

"I will have to go on the pitch at the next United home game and do my usual bit with the microphone," Rhoades-Brown, 32, said. "I am bound to get a bit of stick, my first thought when the final whistle went was: 'Where's the Job Centre'."

He should feel no embarrassment: victory was sweet and deserved. Oxford were an excuse of an Endsleigh League side, with little notion of how to cope with Nolan's right-wing aggression or Caesar's speed. Up front, they were equally clueless — Moody's 17-goal reputation a near-mirage.

Denis Smith, the Oxford manager, could not believe what he was witnessing as Marlow out-fought and out-manoeuvred his promotion-chasing full-timers: "I just cannot understand that performance at all," he said. "It beggars belief. When I spoke to my players, I asked them what they were thinking about and what they were doing out there."



Caesar: pace and power

Marlow, founded in 1870, will savour their first League scalp after successive losses against West Bromwich Albion, Tottenham Hotspur and Plymouth Argyle in the past three years. They are the only club to have entered every competition since its inception in 1871 and contributed £25 towards the cost of the original trophy. They have paid their FA Cup dues.

"I don't know why I do this job sometimes," Foley said. "It's a nightmare." Now he knows.

MARLOW (4-4-2): K Mitchell — T Muckelberg, C Ferguson, D Muir, P Rhoades-Brown — D Nolan, D McNamara, L Phillips (sub: K Holmes, 88min) D Lay — P Rayson (sub: M Floyd, 82) J Caesar
OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Whitehead — L Robinson, M Elliott, D Collins, S Marsh (sub: D Rush, 63) — S Massey, D Smith, R Ford, A Dyer — J Byrne, P Moody
Referee: M Bailey (Cambridge).

Shilton can relax as Argyle ease managerial pressure

Kettering Town 0
Plymouth Argyle 1

By Pat Gibson

IT MAY have been Remembrance Sunday, but it was not the Poppies' day. Kettering Town, to give them their proper name, thought that the date must be an omen, but Plymouth Argyle banished their dream yesterday with a thoroughly professional performance that got them through to the second round of the FA Cup and delighted their manager, Peter Shilton.

Where Shilton would have been if Plymouth had lost hardly bears thinking about. These are desperate times for managers — and goalkeepers — but it must be in his favour that he is never likely to receive a vote of confidence from his chairman, Dan McCauley.

So is this result. On paper, Kettering, fifth in the Vauxhall Conference, were dangerous opponents for Plymouth, fifth from the foot of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. The bookmakers even made the non-league side favourites. On the field, the gap of two divisions was so pronounced that Plymouth should have won by many more than the one goal tucked away by their outstanding player, Craig Skinner, at the start of the second half.

Skinner, who joined Plymouth from Blackburn Rovers as part of the deal that took Nicky Marker to Ewood Park, had tormented the left side of Kettering's defence throughout the first half. If Twiddy, the young Welsh winger on the opposite flank, had been sharper with his finishing, Plymouth would have been comfortably ahead by half-time.

In fact, Twiddy was dithering again when Nugent, set up by Evans, thumped a fierce shot against Benstead's left-hand post in the 46th minute. The ball fell invitingly to Twiddy, but as he hesitated, Skinner stepped up to put the ball in the net.

Despite having the wind at their backs in the first half, Kettering had only once threatened the Plymouth goal when Hodge, deputising for the injured Nicholls, flung himself to his right to keep out a well-struck shot from Alford. If anything, they did better against the wind, which tended to hold up their attempts to free the speedy Thomas, but Plymouth should have made the game safe in the 75th minute with what was almost a replica of their goal. Again Evans teed the ball up for Nugent, but this time the veteran Benstead made an excellent save.



Shilton: delighted

Kettering made a double substitution eight minutes from the end in an attempt to inject more passion into their play, but Plymouth held out comfortably enough.

"I feel that you get what you deserve and I thought we deserved to win today," Shilton said. "Considering that we've got seven first-team players injured, I thought we did exceptionally well. It's just a pity that we didn't score more goals.

"As a manager, all you can do is bring players to the club that you believe will be assets, but when so many are injured, it is a difficult battle."

A shortage of fire-power explains why he is interested in signing the Coventry City striker, Mick Quinn, but he will have to raise some money first. A home draw against Bournemouth will help and, after seeing off the Poppies, they will fancy their chances against the Cherries.

KETTERING TOWN (4-4-2): G Benstead — P Smith, S Holden, D Ostrowr, N Ashby — S Martin (sub: J Magee, 82min), I Stringfellow, R Taylor (sub: D Wright, 82), P Brown — C Alford, A Thomas.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-4-2): M Hodge — M Patterson, M Edworthy, A Comyn, D Naylor — C Skinner, W Burnett, M Barlow, C Twiddy — K Nugent, M Evans
Referee: G Singh.

Cup draw favours non-league clubs

NO CLUBS are more deserving of home draws in the second round of the FA Cup than Enfield, Kingstonian and Marlow, all of whom beat notable league teams over the weekend (Ivo Tennant writes). Even though they will not be playing glamorous opponents, they have the confidence to progress and meet those later in the competition.

Marlow's victory over Oxford United yesterday was described by Peter Foley, their manager, as "the greatest achievement" he has had in the game. His reward is a home tie against Barnet or Woking. Enfield, the Diadora League club who knocked out Cardiff, are drawn to play Kidderminster Harriers or Torquay United. Kingstonian, winners against Brighton, the 1983 finalists, play Aylesbury United. Thus there is certain to be non-league representation beyond the second round matches on December 3 and 4.

Gary Abbott, Enfield's goal scorer against Cardiff, welcomed the draw: "If we can beat a second division club, we have got to fancy our chances against a third division outfit like Torquay. I hope Torquay win the replay because we want another league scalp."

The Enfield manager, George Borg, plans to watch the replay, but asked: "Where's Torquay? I've never been there in my life and have no idea how to get there. Whether it's Torquay or Kidderminster, they won't relish coming to us after what we did to Cardiff."

The regionalised draw also left Borg puzzled: "We were hoping to get Birmingham, but they were in the northern section. How come they played Slough in the first round, then?

SECOND ROUND DRAW

Chesterfield or Scarborough v Port Vale
Wrexham v York City or Rotherham United
Lincoln City v Huddersfield Town
Altrincham Town v Wigan Athletic
Crewe v Bishop Auckland or Bury
Carlisle United v Darlington
Chester City v Burnley
Birmingham City v Bradford City or Scunthorpe United
Halifax Town or Runcorn v Mansfield Town or Northwich Victoria
Preston or Blackpool v Walsall
Gillingham v Ashford Town or Fulham
Bashley v Walton & Hersham or Swansea City
Plymouth Argyle v Bournemouth
Hereford United or Hitchin Town v Wycombe Wanderers
Marlow v Barnet or Woking
Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers
Enfield v Kidderminster Harriers or Torquay United
Exeter City v Yeading or Colchester United
Kingstonian v Aylesbury United
Peterborough United v Cambridge United or Brentford

Ties to be played on Dec 3 and 4

Replay dates
7.45 unless stated
Nov 21: Runcorn v Halifax Town
Nov 22: Fulham v Ashford Town, Woking v Barnet, Bury v Bishop Auckland (7.30); Scunthorpe v Bradford City (7.30); Brentford v Cambridge; Scarborough v Chesterfield (7.30), Hitchin v Hereford (7.30); Colchester v Yeading; Rotherham v York; Mansfield v Northwich.
Nov 23: Torquay v Kidderminster (7.30)

Miller guns down Bath after Dicks clears way

Bath City 0
Bristol Rovers 5

By Mel Webb

IF BISLEY is known for anything, it is as the home of rifle shooting — a small claim to fame, though it was enhanced a little on Saturday when one of its sons slaughtered Bath.

Paul Miller, who was born in the small Surrey village, scored four goals as Bristol Rovers, who share the homely Twerton Park ground with Bath, played at home and away on the same day and gave their Vauxhall Conference friends and co-tenants a salutary lesson in the art of winning FA Cup ties.

It was the most goals that Miller had scored in one game and, in the space of 90 minutes, he repaid a good slice of the £100,000 fee he attracted when he moved from Wimbledon during summer.

Miller was a home-bred Wimbledon player, but played only 80 first-team games in eight years at the club. An unassuming and down-to-earth character, he was perhaps not quite loopy enough for the Crazy Gang.

"I've always known that my best position was as a striker and it finally went a bit sour at Wimbledon when they played me in central midfield in the reserves all last season," he said. "I hadn't originally intended to drop down to the second division, but John said he wanted me to play up front and he was offering me first-team football. I'm delighted I came now."

Miller's haul brought his total for the season to ten, a record that makes him look a bargain buy, especially when set alongside the fact that John Taylor, the man he replaced, scored only 23 all last season before moving to Bradford City for £300,000 during summer.

John Ward, the Bristol manager, said: "We watched Paul a lot last year and was convinced that he could do a job for us. There's a lot of hunger in him; at 26, his career has never really got off the ground. He's obviously got his eye on getting back to Premiership football.

"It was a bit of a job to get Paul to come down to the second division, but the fact that he had that ambition for better things made him an even more attractive proposition. The club needed the money we got for Taylor and I think we have done fantastically well out of the deal."



Adcock: worked hard

Miller has forged a powerful link with Marcus Stewart, his youthful fellow forward, with whom he has struck up an almost telepathic understanding. Their goals in this game took their combined total this season to 16.

After Stewart had given Rovers the half-time lead, the pivotal moment of the game came seven minutes after the break when Grantley Dicks, the Bath full back, proved that he shares more than brotherhood with Julian of West Ham when he was sent off for a reckless challenge on Pritchard. Dicks had only just completed a three-match suspension.

"He has let his team-mates down today," Tony Ricketts, his manager, said. Ricketts did, however, praise Mogg, the goalkeeper, and Adcock: "They worked their socks off."

Bristol were unstoppable after that as the Bath defence, left in tatters by Dicks's departure, hoisted the targets for marksman Miller. He may know nothing about guns: on this day though, nobody could teach him a thing about shooting.

BATH CITY (4-4-2): D Mogg — I [illegible] — J Gill, I Hedges, D Forbes, G Dicks — [illegible] — S Smart, N Stevens — P Adcock, A Mogg (sub: D Inman, 58min)
BRISTOL ROVERS (4-4-2): S Parkin — D Prichard, N Duffy, C Purnell, J Taylor — M Stewart, M Browning, S Mehew, J Ward — P Miller, G Rodgers
Referee: [illegible]

1996 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: Israel 2 Poland 1, Romania 3 Azerbaijan 0, Slovakia 0 France 0, France 0 Romania 0, Israel 2 Slovakia 2, Poland 1 Azerbaijan 0, Romania 3 Slovakia 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Israel	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Poland	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
France	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Slovakia	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Azerbaijan	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

FIXTURES: *1994: Nov 16: Poland v France,* Azerbaijan v Israel. Dec 14: Azerbaijan v France, Israel v Romania. 1995: Mar 29: Romania v Poland, Israel v France, Slovakia v Azerbaijan. Apr 26: France v Slovakia, Poland v Israel, Azerbaijan v Romania. Jun 7: Poland v Slovakia, Romania v Israel. Aug 16: France v Poland, Azerbaijan v Slovakia. Sept 6: France v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Israel. Oct 11: Romania v France, Israel v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Poland. Nov 15: Slovakia v *Romania, Azerbaijan v Poland, France v* Israel

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: Macedonia 1 Denmark 1, Cyprus 1 Spain 2, Belgium 2 Armenia 0, Armenia 0 Cyprus 0, Denmark 3 Belgium 1, Macedonia 0 Spain 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Denmark	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Belgium	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Cyprus	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Macedonia	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Armenia	2	0	1	1	0	2	1

FIXTURES: 1994: Nov 16: Belgium v Macedonia, Spain v Denmark, Cyprus v Armenia. Dec 17: Belgium v Spain, Macedonia v Cyprus. 1995: Mar 25: Armenia v Macedonia. *Mar 29: Spain v Belgium, Cyprus v Denmark.* Apr 26: Armenia v Spain, Belgium v Cyprus, Denmark v Macedonia. Jun 7: Denmark v Cyprus, Macedonia v *Belgium, Spain v Armenia. Aug 16: Armenia v* Denmark. Sept 6: Belgium v Denmark, Spain v Cyprus, Macedonia v Armenia. Oct 7: Armenia v Belgium. Oct 11: Denmark v Spain, Cyprus v Macedonia. Nov 15: Cyprus v Belgium, Denmark v Armenia.

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: *Hungary 2 Turkey 2, Iceland 0* Sweden 1, Turkey 5 Iceland 0, Switzerland 4 Sweden 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	2	1	1	0	7	2	4
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Sweden	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Hungary	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Iceland	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

FIXTURES: 1994: Nov 16: Switzerland v Iceland, Sweden v Hungary. Dec 14: Turkey v Switzerland. 1995: *Mar 29:* Turkey v Sweden, Hungary v Switzerland. Apr 26: Hungary v Sweden, Switzerland v Turkey. Jun 1: Sweden v Iceland. Jun 11: Iceland v Hungary. Aug 16: Iceland v Switzerland. Sept 6: Sweden v Switzerland, Turkey v Hungary. Oct 11: Switzerland v Hungary, Iceland v Turkey. Nov 11: Hungary v Iceland. Nov 15: Sweden v Turkey

GROUP FOUR

RESULTS: Estonia 0 Croatia 2, Ukraine 0 Lithuania 2, Slovenia 1 Italy 1, Croatia 2 Lithuania 0, Estonia 0 Italy 2, Ukraine 0 Slovenia 0, Ukraine 3 Estonia 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Italy	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Ukraine	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Lithuania	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Slovenia	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Estonia	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

FIXTURES: 1994: Nov 16: Slovenia v Lithuania, Italy v Croatia. 1995: Mar 25: Italy v Estonia, Croatia v Ukraine. Mar 29: Slovenia v Estonia, Ukraine v Italy, Lithuania v Croatia. Apr 26: Lithuania v Italy, Croatia v Slovenia, Estonia v Ukraine. Jun 7: Lithuania v Slovenia. Jun 11: Estonia v Slovenia, Ukraine v Croatia. Aug 16: Estonia v Lithuania. Sept 3: Croatia v Estonia. Sept 6: Italy v Slovenia, Lithuania v Ukraine. Oct 8: Croatia v Italy. Oct 11: Slovenia v Ukraine, Lithuania v Estonia. Nov 11: Italy v Ukraine. *Nov 15: Slovenia v Croatia, Italy v Lithuania.*

GROUP FIVE

RESULTS: Czech Rep 6 Malta 1, Luxembourg 0 Holland 4, Norway 1 Belarus 0, Malta 0 Czech Rep 0, Belarus 2 Luxembourg 0, Norway 1 Holland 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech Rep	2	1	1	0	6	1	4
Holland	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
Norway	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Belarus	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Malta	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

FIXTURES: 1994: Nov 16: Belarus v Norway, Holland v Czech Rep. Dec 14: Malta v Norway, Holland v Luxembourg. 1995: Feb 22: Malta v Luxembourg. Mar 29: Czech Rep v Belarus, Luxembourg v Norway, Holland v Malta. Apr 26: Belarus v Malta, Czech Rep v Holland, Norway v Luxembourg. Jun 7: Belarus v Holland, Luxembourg v Czech Rep, Norway v Malta. Aug 16: Norway v Czech Rep. Sept 6: Czech Rep v Norway, Luxembourg v Malta, Holland v Belarus. Oct 7: Belarus v Czech Rep. Oct 11: Malta v Holland, Luxembourg v Belarus. Nov 12: Malta v Belarus. Nov 15: Czech Rep v Luxembourg, Holland v Norway

GROUP SIX

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 1, Liechtenstein 0 Austria 4, Latvia 0 Ireland 3, *Northern Ireland 1 Portugal 2, Latvia 1 Portugal 3, Austria 1 Northern Ireland 2,* Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 0, Portugal 1 Austria 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
Ireland	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
Nth Ireland	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Austria	3	1	0	2	5	3	3
Latvia	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Liechtenstein	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

FIXTURES: 1994: Nov 15: Liechtenstein v Latvia. Nov 16: Northern Ireland v Ireland. Dec 18: Portugal v Liechtenstein. 1995: Mar 29: Ireland v Northern Ireland, Austria v Latvia. Apr 26: Ireland v Portugal, Latvia v Northern Ireland, Austria v Liechtenstein. Jun 3: Portugal v Latvia, Liechtenstein v Ireland. Jun 7: Northern Ireland v Latvia. Jun 11: Ireland v Austria. Aug 15: Liechtenstein v Portugal. Aug 16: Latvia v Austria. Sept 3: Portugal v Northern Ireland. Sept 6: Austria v Ireland, Latvia v Liechtenstein. Oct 11: Ireland v Latvia, Austria v Portugal, Liechtenstein v Northern Ireland. Nov 15: Portugal v Ireland, Northern Ireland v Austria.

GROUP SEVEN

RESULTS: Georgia 0 Moldavia 1, Wales 2 Albania 0, Moldavia 3 Wales 2, Bulgaria 2 Georgia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moldavia	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Wales	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Albania	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Georgia	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIXTURES: 1994: Nov 16: Albania v Germany, Georgia v Wales, Bulgaria v Moldavia. Dec 14: Wales v Bulgaria, Moldavia v Germany, Albania v Georgia. Dec 18: Germany v Albania. 1995: Mar 29: Georgia v Germany, Bulgaria v Wales, Albania v Moldavia. Apr 26: Germany v Wales, Moldavia v Bulgaria, Georgia v Albania. Jun 7: Bulgaria v Germany, Wales v Georgia, Moldavia v Albania. Sept 6: Germany v Georgia, Wales v Moldavia, Albania v Bulgaria. Oct 7: Bulgaria v Albania. Oct 8: Germany v Moldavia. Oct 11: Wales v Germany. Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria, Albania v Wales, Moldavia v Georgia.

GROUP EIGHT

RESULTS: Finland 0 Scotland 2, Faeroe Islands 1 Greece 5, Scotland 5 Faeroe Islands 1, Greece 4 Finland 0, Russia 4 San Marino 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Scotland	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Russia	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Finland	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Faeroes Isl	2	0	0	2	2	10	0

FIXTURES: 1994: Nov 16: Scotland v Russia, Greece v San Marino, Finland v Faeroe Islands. Dec 14: Finland v San Marino. Dec 18: *Greece v Scotland.* 1995: Mar 29: Russia v Scotland, San Marino v Finland. Apr 26: San Marino v Scotland, Greece v Russia, Faeroe Islands v Finland. May 6: Russia v Faeroe Islands. May 25: Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Jun 7: Faeroe Islands v Scotland, San Marino v Russia. Jun 11: Finland v Greece. Aug 16: Scotland v Greece, Finland v Russia. Sept 6: Scotland v Finland, Faeroe Islands v Russia, San Marino v Greece. Oct 11: Russia v Greece, Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Nov 15: Scotland v San Marino, Russia v Finland, *Greece v Faeroe Islands.*

England, as hosts, qualify automatically for the final stages in 1996 but Denmark, the holders, do not. The eight group winners qualify, as do the six best second-placed teams. The other two second-placed teams will play off at a neutral venue in December, 1995 to complete the field of 16. The six best runners-up will be determined by results achieved against the first, third and fourth-placed teams in each group, rather than the lower-placed teams.

1996 DATES

Quarter-finals: June 22: Anfield, Wembley. June 23: Old Trafford, Villa Park. Semi-finals: June 26: Old Trafford (Anfield, Villa Park winners), Wembley (Wembley v Old Trafford winners). Final: June 30: Wembley.

CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Newcastle	14	5	2	0	19	7	5	1	1	12	6	33	+18
2 Man Utd	14	7	0	0	17	0	3	1	3	11	10	31	+18
3 Blackburn	14	6	0	1	20	7	3	3	1	8	5	30	+16
4 Liverpool	14	6	1	0	17	4	3	1	3	15	10	29	+18
6 Nottm For	14	4	2	1	12	7	4	2	1	13	7	28	+11
7 Leeds	14	5	1	1	13	7	2	2	3	8	9	24	+5
8 Norwich	14	4	3	0	9	4	1	3	3	4	8	21	+1
9 Chelsea	13	4	1	2	15	6	2	1	3	9	13	20	+5
10 Arsenal	13	3	2	2	11	7	2	2	2	6	6	19	+4
11 C Palace	14	2	1	4	6	10	3	3	1	9	5	19	0
12 Man City	14	4	3	0	21	9	1	1	5	3	16	19	-1
13 Soton	14	2	3	2	9	9	2	2	3	13	17	17	-4
14 Tottenham	13	2	1	3	8	10	3	1	3	13	16	17	-5
15 West Ham	14	4	1	2	6	5	1	1	5	3	10	17	-6
16 Coventry	14	3	1	3	8	10	1	3	3	9	16	16	-9
17 Wimbledon	14	3	1	3	10	11	1	2	4	4	13	15	-10
18 Sheff Wed	14	1	4	2	7	8	2	1	4	8	14	14	-7
19 QPR	14	3	1	3	11	10	0	3	4	9	15	13	-5
20 Aston Villa	14	1	3	3	6	9	1	1	5	9	15	10	-9
21 Ipswich	14	2	0	5	9	13	1	1	5	4	14	10	-14
22 Leicester	13	2	2	2	11	11	0	1	6	3	14	9	-11
23 Everton	14	1	4	2	8	10	0	1	6	1	14	8	-15

Tottenham will be deducted 6 points at the end of the season

Endsleigh Insurance League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Wolves	16	6	1	1	19	8	3	3	2	14	10	31	33
2 Middlesbro	16	6	1	1	15	6	3	2	3	8	10	30	23
3 Tranmere	16	7	1	0	23	9	1	3	4	4	10	28	27
4 Reading	16	4	3	1	8	2	4	1	3	11	9	28	19
5 Grimsby	17	6	2	1	16	7	1	4	3	9	11	27	25
6 Bolton	16	5	2	1	15	5	2	3	3	13	13	26	28
7 Watford	17	5	3	1	14	9	1	3	4	4	12	24	18
8 Luton	17	1	2	5	9	12	5	3	1	15	10	23	24
9 Sheff Utd	17	5	2	2	15	8	1	3	4	6	8	23	21
10 Barnsley	16	4	3	1	9	5	2	2	4	6	13	23	15
11 Charlton	17	3	3	3	14	12	2	4	2	14	15	22	28
12 Southend	17	5	1	2	8	6	1	3	5	7	22	22	15
13 Swindon	16	5	3	1	14	9	1	0	6	8	16	21	22
14 Sunderland	16	1	6	1	7	6	3	3	2	10	7	21	17
15 Oldham	17	4	3	2	13	9	1	2	5	8	13	20	21
16 Port Vale	16	4	1	3	13	9	1	4	3	7	11	20	20
17 Stoke	16	4	2	2	15	9	1	3	4	4	15	20	19
18 Derby	17	3	3	2	11	8	2	2	5	7	11	20	18
19 Millwall	17	3	4	1	16	11	1	3	5	7	14	18	23
20 Portsmouth	16	2	3	3	9	11	2	4	2	10	10	19	19
21 Burnley	16	1	5	2	8	9	3	2	3	6	9	19	14
22 Bristol C	16	2	3	3	5	10	2	1	5	7	11	16	12
23 West Brom	17	3	2	2	6	6	0	4	6	7	18	15	13
24 Notts Co	16	1	4	3	10	14	1	1	6	8	14	11	18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Huddersfld	16	6	1	1	18	9	4	3	1	19	14	34	37
2 Oxford Utd	16	6	2	0	15	6	4	2	2	16	11	34	31
3 Birmingham	16	5	2	1	19	6	4	3	1	11	6	32	30
4 Hull	16	6	0	2	18	6	3	3	2	12	14	30	30
5 Wycombe	16	5	2	1	12	6	4	1	3	12	14	30	24
6 Blackpool	16	6	1	1	15	11	3	1	4	13	12	29	28
7 Stockport	16	5	0	3	14	10	4	1	3	14	12	28	28
8 Wrexham	16	5	2	1	15	8	2	3	3	11	12	26	26
9 Bradford	16	4	1	3	12	11	4	1	3	14	14	26	26
10 Brentford	16	4	0	4	10	8	4	1	3	13	8	25	23
11 Crewe	16	4	1	3	15	14	3	1	4	13	20	23	28
12 Bristol R	16	4	4	0	20	9	1	4	3	4	7	23	24
13 Peterboro	16	2	3	3	10	14	4	2	2	10	10	23	20
14 Swansea	16	2	4	2	5	6	3	3	2	14	11	22	19
15 York	16	4	2	2	15	9	1	3	4	6	10	20	21
16 Rotherham	16	4	1	3	12	12	1	2	5	7	12	18	19
17 Brighton	16	3	4	1	7	4	1	2	5	7	17	18	14
18 Shrewsbury	16	3	3	2	16	12	1	1	6	6	10	16	22
19 Cardiff	16	2	2	4	10	10	2	2	4	12	16	16	22
20 Plymouth	16	1	2	5	5	18	3	1	4	11	13	15	16
21 L Orient	16	4	2	2	11	8	0	0	8	5	17	14	16
22 Cambridge	16	3	2	3	14	13	0	2	6	3	14	13	17
23 Chester	16	2	2	4	9	13	0	1	7	2	13	9	11
24 Bournemth	16	2	1	5	9	16	0	1	7	4	19	8	13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Bury	15	7	1	1	14	4	5	0	1	12	1	37	28
2 Carlisle	15	7	1	0	17	4	4	2	1	13	8	36	30
3 Doncaster	15	5	2	0	14	4	4	2	2	12	7	31	26
4 Barnet	15	3	3	1	15	8	5	1	2	9	9	28	24
5 Walsall	15	4	1	2	15	8	2	5	1	9	8	24	24
6 Colchester	15	4	1	3	11	14	3	2	2	9	9	24	20
7 Chesterfield	15	3	3	2	5	3	4	0	3	12	12	24	17
8 Torquay	15	4	3	1	16	11	2	1	4	7	10	22	23
9 Scunthorpe	15	3	2	3	11	8	3	2	2	10	9	22	21
10 Rochdale	15	3	1	3	12	12	3	1	4	12	22	20	24
11 Lincoln	15	4	2	2	13	9	2	0	5	7	10	20	20
12 Fulham	15	2	2	3	10	8	3	3	2	8	10	20	18
13 Darlington	15	3	2	3	12	12	2	2	3	6	6	19	18
14 Mansfield	15	2	2	4	7	8	3	1	3	11	10	18	18
15 Exeter	15	4	2	2	10	12	1	1	5	2	12	18	12
16 Preston	15	1	0	4	6	7	4	2	4	12	13	17	18
17 Gillingham	15	3	2	2	9	8	1	1	6	9	17	15	18
18 Northamptn	15	2	2	3	6	7	0	6	2	6	8	14	12
19 Hereford	15	2	2	4	6	11	1	2	4	8	14	13	14
20 Hartlepool	15	3	1	4	7	9	0	3	4	2	8	13	9
21 Scarboro	15	1	2	4	7	10	2	1	5	6	14	12	13
22 Wigan	15	1	1	5	9	13	2	0	6	8	15	10	17

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	13	5	0	1	12	3	3	2	2	12	8	26	+13
2 Motherwell	13	3	4	0	14	10	3	2	1	10	7	24	+7
3 Hibernian	13	4	2	0	14	4	1	5	1	2	3	22	+9
4 Falkirk	13	3	3	1	10	9	2	2	2	10	10	20	+1
5 Celtic	13	2	3	2	6	7	2	3	1	8	6	18	+1
6 Hearts	13	4	1	2	10	5	1	1	4	5	11	17	-1
7 Dundee Utd	13	2	3	1	6	5	1	1	5	5	15	13	-9
8 Aberdeen	13	2	4	1	12	9	0	2	4	5	10	12	-2
9 Kilmarnock	13	2	2	2	5	5	0	3	4	6	14	11	-8
10 Partick	13	1	1	4	6	9	1	2	4	3	11	9	-11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dunfermline	13	5	1	0	15	3	2	4	1	12	10	26	+14
2 Airdrie	12	2	4	0	3	0	4	2	0	14	5	24	+12
3 Dundee	12	5	2	0	15	6	2	1	2	8	10	24	+7
4 Raith	13	2	4	1	13	11	2	2	2	6	5	18	+3
5 Clydebank	13	3	2	1	11	4	1	2	4	4	11	16	0
6 St Johnstn	12	2	2	1	8	4	1	4	2	7	10	15	+1
7 Hamilton	13	3	2	2	10	12	0	3	3	3	10	14	-9
8 St Mirren	13	2	2	3	8	9	0	5	1	6	8	13	-3
9 Ayr	13	2	3	2	10	12	0	1	5	1	11	10	-12
10 Stranraer	12	1	2	2	3	4	0	0	7	4	16	5	-13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Berwick	13	5	1	0	9	4	2	2	3	16	17	24	+4
2 Greenock M	13	4	1	1	11	4	3	0	4	8	11	22	+4
3 Stenhsmuir	13	2	4	0	7	3	3	2	2	10	10	21	+4
4 Dumbarton	13	4	1	2	9	7	2	1	3	7	10	20	-1
5 East Fife	13	2	1	3	12	12	3	3	1	7	5	19	+2
6 Stirling	13	3	1	3	9	7	3	0	3	9	11	19	0
7 Clyde	13	2	3	2	13	10	3	0	3	5	6	18	+2
8 Queen of S	13	3	1	3	13	11	1	3	2	3	6	16	-1
9 Meadowbnk	13	2	0	4	5	5	2	2	3	9	10	11	-1
10 Brechin	13	1	1	5	8	15	1	1	4	4	10	8	-13

Meadowbank deducted 3 points for fielding an ineligible player

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	13	6	1	0	13	4	3	0	3	6	8	28	+7
2 Montrose	13	4	1	1	12	6	4	2	1	12	6	27	+13
3 E Stirling	13	3	1	2	14	9	4	2	1	14	8	24	+11
4 Cowdenbth	13	3	2	2	12	9	4	0	2	13	8	23	+8
5 Alloa	13	2	2	2	7	7	4	2	1	15	8	22	+7
6 Caledonian T	13	2	2	2	11	13	4	1	2	11	8	21	+1
7 Ross Co	13	2	1	4	13	15	2	2	2	7	6	15	-1
8 Queen's Pk	13	2	0	4	6	10	1	2	4	10	12	11	-6
9 Arbroath	13	0	2	5	2	11	2	0	4	11	19	8	-17
10 Albion	13	1	0	6	8	19	0	1	5	3	15	4	-23

FA CUP

FIRST ROUND

ALTRINCHAM (2) 3 — SOUTHPORT (1) 2
Green 30, Morton 42, France 89 — Cunningham 25, McDonald 85. 2,523

ASHFORD TOWN (1) 2 — FULHAM (0) 2
Arter 19, Dent 72 — Adams 81 (pen), 83 (pen). 3,363

BARNET (0) 4 — WOKING (3) 4
Mcmahon 56, Cooper 61, 79, Hodges 75 — Fielder 12, Dennis 15, Walker 34, Steele 64. 3,114

BATH (0) 0 — BRISTOL R (1) 5
6,751 — Stewart 18, Miller 60, 74, 79, 83

B AUCKLAND (0) 0 — BURY (0) 0
3,135

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 3 — WORTHING (1) 1
Morris 41, Russell 65, McElhatton 88 — Mintram 19. 3,922

BRADFORD (1) 1 — SCUNTHORPE (1) 1
Tolson 1 — Hope 4. 5,481

BURNLEY (1) 2 — SHREWSBURY (1) 1
Heath 28, Deary 46 — Spink 36. 9,269

CAMBRIDGE UTD (1) 2 — BRENTFORD (1) 2
Lillis 13, Butler 47 — Annon 5, Taylor 70. 3,353

CHESHAM (0) 0 — BASHLEY (0) 1
1,302 — Paskins 73

CHESTER (2) 2 — WITTON (0) 0
Page 20, Alsford 38 — 2,666

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 — SCARBOROUGH (0) 0
2,902

CREWE (1) 7 — GRESLEY R (0) 1
Rowbotham 30, 78, Smith 61, Ward 72, 79, 86, Garvey 82 — Deveney 75. 4,539

DONCASTER (0) 1 — HUDDERSFIELD (2) 4
Jones 86. 6,626 — Bullock 8, Booth 12, Jepson 77, Dunn 88

ENFIELD (0) 1 — CARDIFF (0) 0
Abbott 56 — 2,345

EXETER (1) 1 — CRAWLEY (0) 0
Cecere 7 — 3,214

HALIFAX (0) 1 — RUNCORN (0) 1
Kiwomya 60. 1,286 — Thomas 57 (pen)

HEREFORD (0) 2 — HITCHIN (2) 2
Lyne 49, 58. 3,078 — Marshall 23, 44

HULL (0) 0 — LINCOLN (0) 1
5,758 — Bannister 53

HYDE (1) 1 — DARLINGTON (1) 3
Kimmins 8. 2,315 — Slaven 37, Worboys 52, 53

KIDDERMINSTER (1) 1 — TORQUAY (0) 1
Humphreys 42. 4,144 — Hathaway 73

KINGSTONIAN (1) 2 — BRIGHTON (1) 1
Ndah 2, 80. 3,815 — Codner 33

NEWPORT IOW (1) 2 — AYLESBURY (1) 3
Soares 12, 83. 2,217 — Hercules 15, 60, Pluckrose 79 (pen)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 4 — NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Charlery 70, 85 (pen), Williams 74, Henry 87 — 8,739

PORT VALE (3) 6 — HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Griffiths 38, Allon 39, Foyle 44, 68, 80, Glover 69 — 6,199

SLOUGH (0) 0 — BIRMINGHAM (4) 4
13,394 — Shearer 9, 36, McGavin 34, 40

TIVERTON (1) 1 — L ORIENT (3) 3
Smith 12. 3,600 — Gray 34, Carter 39, West 43

WALSALL (2) 3 — ROCHDALE (0) 0
Lightbourne 34, Butler 43, 80 — 3,619

WIGAN (3) 4 — SPENNYMOOR (0) 0
Leonard 17, Carragher 36, 45, Kilford 27 — 2,183

WREXHAM (0) 1 — STOCKPORT (0) 0
Watkin 50 — 4,740

WYCOMBE (1) 4 — CHELMSFORD (0) 0
Stapleton 27, 61, Garner 58, Ryan 86 — 5,654

YEADING (1) 2 — COLCHESTER (1) 2
McKinnon 44, Graham 64. 1,715 — Kinsella 9, Abrahams 56

YORK (1) 3 — ROTHERHAM (1) 3
Naylor 5, 60, McCarthy 72. 4,020 — Goater 14, 83, Helliwell 77

SENDINGS OFF

Dicks (Bath), 50; Roche (Doncaster), 31; Grainger (Kidderminster), 90; Miller (Wigan), 64.

Postponed: Mansfield v Northwich; Marlow v Oxford United.

Yesterday

GUISELEY (0) 1 — CARLISLE (2) 4
Brockie 72. 6,548 — Reeves 19, 82, Conway 30, Mountfield 65

MARLOW (0) 2 — OXFORD (0) 0
Caesar 74, 86. 5,000

KETTERING (0) 0 — PLYMOUTH (0) 1
4,002 — Skinner 46

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FIRST DIVISION

GRIMSBY (0) 1 — MILLWALL (0) 0
Woods 47 — 5,261

OLDHAM (0) 0 — LUTON (0) 0
7,907

SHEFF UTD (0) 2 — DERBY (0) 1
Blake 48, Whitehouse 59 — Simpson 66 (pen). 15,001

WATFORD (0) 1 — SOUTHEND (0) 0
Nogan 90 — 8,551

Yesterday

CHARLTON (1) 1 — WEST BROM (0) 1
Grant 14. 10,876 — Taylor 55

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST DIVISION

AYR (0) 0 — AIRDRIE (2) 3
2,210 — Cooper 14, 51, *Lawrence 40*

DUNDEE (1) 2 — CLYDEBANK (0) 0
Bain 8 (pen), Shaw 48 — 2,240

HAMILTON (3) 3 — *DUNFERMLINE* (1) 1
Tighe 24, Duffield 28 (pen), 44 — Petrie 43. 2,103

RAITH (2) 4 — STRANRAER (0) 2
Dalziel 24, 34, 53 (pen), Graham 55. 2,556 — Ferguson 73, Walker 88

ST MIRREN (2) 2 — ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2
Gillies 9, *Fullarton 31*. 2,988 — Deas 21, *Davenport 53*

SECOND DIVISION

BRECHIN (0) 1 — GREENOCK M (3) 3
Smith 79. 568 — Laiberg 15, Alexander 25, McCahill 38

CLYDE (0) 1 — EAST FIFE (0) 1
McCluskey 65. 1,212 — Archibald 61

DUMBARTON (0) 3 — BERWICK (1) 2
Mooney 75, Valentine 81 (og), McGarvey 89 — Irvine 15, Hawke 51. 733

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 0 — MEADOWBANK (0) 0
1,418

STIRLING (0) 0 — STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2
785 — Steel 5, Hutchinson 57

THIRD DIVISION

ALBION (0) 0 — E STIRLING (1) 2
361 — *Lee 17, Millar 87*

ARBROATH (0) 0 — ALLOA (0) 0
414

COWDENBEATH (0) 2 — QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
Yardley 70, 80 — 281

FORFAR (2) 2 — CALEDONIAN T (1) 1
McCormick 14, Ross 16 — McAllister 20, Ross 16. 647

ROSS CO (0) 0 — MONTROSE (0) 1
1,238 — Kennedy 59

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Davies (Airdrie), 55; Bnsland (Ayr), 86; O'Neil (St Johnstone), 45. **Second division:** McLoed (Meadowbank), 88.

GM CONFERENCE

MERTHYR (0) 0 — WELLING (2) 2
745 — Robinson 26, Ransom 36

STALYBRIDGE (1) 2 — DOVER (0) 1
Jackson 25, Anderson 76 — Leworthy 66. 735

STEVENAGE (2) 3 — FARNBOROUGH (0) 1
Hayles 11, 23, Beevor 75 — Jones 54. 1,365

TELFORD (1) 3 — GATESHEAD (0) 1
Kearney 1, Wilson 47, 66 — Dobson 87. 739

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	17	6	3	1	17	8	4	2	1	13	8	35
2 Woking	18	5	5	1	22	13	5	0	2	10	8	35
3 Altrincham	16	3	1	5	13	12	6	1	0	22	7	29
4 Gateshead	19	5	2	2	15	6	3	3	3	13	19	29
5 Kettering	16	5	2	1	15	7	3	2	3	12	11	28
6 Kidderminster	17	5	1	2	16	3	3	3	3	13	14	28
7 Bromsgrove	17	4	4	1	19	12	3	1	4	11	13	25
8 Farnborough	16	3	1	2	8	9	4	2	4	12	17	24
9 Halifax	15	4	2	1	17	6	2	3	2	10	14	23
10 Southport	16	5	1	2	21	10	2	1	5	5	14	22
11 Welling	17	5	1	3	18	13	2	1	5	11	15	23
12 Stalybridge	16	4	1	2	13	11	2	2	5	14	18	21
13 Bath	17	2	1	4	15	18	3	3	4	12	15	19
14 Runcorn	17	3	3	2	13	13	2	1	6	12	19	19
15 Telford	12	5	2	0	15	5	0	1	4	7	12	18
16 Stevenage	15	3	3	4	15	16	2	0	3	8	8	18
17 Merthyr	16	4	1	3	14	12	1	2	5	6	17	18
18 Dag & Red	16	3	1	3	9	9	2	1	6	6	18	17
19 Northwich	13	2	2	1	10	5	1	5	2	10	14	16
20 Dover	13	1	5	1	8	8	2	2	2	9	8	16
21 Yeovil	18	2	1	6	10	14	1	3	5	3	16	12
22 Stafford	16	1	0	7	10	19	1	2	5	9	24	8

GOALSCORERS

Endsleigh League: First division: 19 Aldridge (Tranmere). 15 Fjortoft (Swindon). 12 Whyte (Charlton). 11 McGinlay (Bolton). 10 Goodman (Millwall); Kelly (Wolverhampton). 9 McCarthy (Oldham), Gray (Sunderland). 8 Mendonca (Grimsby), Hendrie (Middlesbrough); Malkin (Tranmere); Nogan (Watford); Creaney (Portsmouth); *Foyle (Port Vale).*



Scholl, of Bayern Munich, takes on the Schalke defence during the teams' German league match at the weekend. *Munich, who were playing at home, won 2-0 to move into sixth place in the Bundesliga*

NON-LEAGUE AND REGIONAL LEAGUES

NORTHERN PREM

Premier division: Boston 0 Winsford 0, Buxton 2 Droylsden 2, Emley 1 Chorley 4, Marine 4 Barrow 0, Whitley Bay 2 Gainsborough 2. Postponed: Colwyn Bay v Morecambe, Knowsley v Matlock, Horwich v Accrington Stanley

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	21	17	4	0	46	13	55
Morecambe	17	13	2	2	40	17	41
Guiseley	*15*	*10*	*5*	*0*	33	18	35
B Auckland	18	10	2	6	36	22	32
Barrow	19	9	2	8	37	33	29
Boston Utd	18	7	6	5	31	20	27
Spennymoor	17	8	3	6	31	27	27
Colwyn Bay	18	8	2	8	39	37	26
Buxton	20	7	5	8	27	29	26
Winsford	21	6	7	8	32	31	25
Witton	20	5	10	5	22	27	25
Horwich	19	7	2	10	29	33	23
Knowsley	16	5	7	4	29	28	22
Emley	18	6	4	3	31	37	22
Chorley	18	6	4	8	30	38	22
Gainsboro	16	5	5	6	32	27	20
Hyde	14	4	4	6	21	25	16
Ac Stanley	17	3	6	8	17	32	15
Frickley	17	3	5	9	20	33	14
Droylsden	18	3	5	10	22	45	14
Whitley Bay	18	2	6	10	20	39	12
Matlock	15	3	0	12	16	30	9

First division: Bamber Bridge 7 Farsley Celtic 0, Congleton 2 Goole 0, Fleetwood 0 Blyth Spartans 3; Gretna 3 Mossley 2, Workington 1 Alfreton 5. Postponed: Atherton LR v Lancaster City, Ashton United v Radcliffe Borough, Eastwood v Caernarfon, Harrogate v Gt Harwood, Netherfield v Curzon Ashton, Warrington v Worksop

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 2 Hayes 2, Bromley 2 Purfleet 2, Carshalton 3 Hendon 0, Dulwich 4 St Albans 1, Harrow 1 Grays 2, Wokingham 0 Sutton 1

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Slough	14	8	5	1	27	17	29
Hayes	12	8	4	0	22	9	28
Aylesbury	12	7	3	2	24	11	24
Enfield	14	6	5	3	34	18	23
St Albans	14	6	5	3	36	22	22
Grays	17	5	8	4	23	24	23
Carshalton	16	7	2	7	30	32	23
Bromley	15	5	7	3	27	22	22
Harrow	15	7	1	7	24	24	22
Chesham	14	6	3	5	30	21	21
Purfleet	13	6	3	4	28	27	21
Sutton Utd	15	5	5	5	23	19	20
Yeading	13	5	4	4	22	22	19
B Stortford	15	4	5	6	21	24	17
Kingstonian	14	4	4	6	23	22	16
Hendon	15	4	4	7	24	27	16
Dulwich	13	4	4	5	24	30	16
Molesey	14	4	3	7	17	24	15
Walton & H	10	2	4	4	14	19	10
Marlow	15	2	4	9	17	33	10
Hitchin	12	1	6	5	12	20	9
Wokingham	12	1	1	10	10	32	4

First division: Basingstoke 2 Maidenhead 2, Berkhamsted 3 Billericay 1, Dorking 0 Chertsey 6, Newbury 0 Boreham Wood 3, Ruislip Manor 0 Whyteleafe 1, Staines 1 Aldershot 0, Tooting and Mitcham 0 Bognor Regis 0, Uxbridge 0 Leyton 2, Wivenhoe 1 Wembley 2. **Postponed:** Barking v Abingdon

Second division: Chalfont St Peter 2 Malden Vale 2, Cheshunt 2 Barton Rovers 2, Croydon 2 Metropolitan Police 3, Edgware 1 Leatherhead 1, Thame 4 Ware 1, Windsor and Eton 2 Saffron Walden 2, Witham 1 Aveley 3. **Postponed:** Banstead Athletic v Egham, Bracknell v Oxford City, Hampton v Hemel Hempstead, Tilbury v Hungerford

Third division: Clapton 2 Epsom and Ewell 2, East Thurrock 0 Northwood 1, Feltham and Hounslow Borough 0 Harlow 0, Flackwell Heath 1 Collier Row 0, Harefield 5 Leighton 1, Horsham 0 Canvey Island 2, Tring 2 Kingsbury 1. **Postponed:** Cove v Lewes, Hertford v Camberley, Hornchurch v Bedford

BEAZER HOMES

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1 Trowbridge 2, Corby 0 Gloucester 6; Hastings 2 Dorchester 1, Hednesford 5 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Leek 4 Sudbury 1, Rushden and Diamonds 4 VS Rugby 1, Sittingbourne 3 Halesowen 2, Worcester 1 Solihull 1

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	*14*	*10*	*4*	*0*	*35*	*13*	*34*
Cheltenham	12	9	1	2	34	9	28
Worcester	14	7	4	3	17	8	25
Leek Town	14	7	3	4	28	15	24
Gloucester	10	7	2	1	21	7	23
Dorchester	12	7	2	3	25	16	23
Burton	12	6	3	3	21	18	21
Rushden & D	12	6	2	4	30	22	20
Chelmsford	10	5	3	2	18	8	18
Halesowen	15	4	4	7	32	32	16
Solihull	11	4	4	3	13	18	16
Sudbury	*14*	*4*	*4*	*6*	*19*	*29*	*16*
Trowbridge	12	3	5	4	12	14	14
Hastings	10	3	4	3	11	14	13
Atherstone	14	3	4	7	14	18	13
Sittingbn	14	3	3	8	13	24	12
Gresley R	10	3	2	5	14	17	11
Cambridge C	10	3	2	5	9	14	11
Crawley	14	3	2	9	19	37	11
VS Rugby	13	2	4	7	10	20	10
Gravesend	10	2	3	5	9	18	9
Corby Town	13	1	1	11	11	44	4

Southern division: Baldock 0 Salisbury 7, Fisher 93 0 Bury 4; Weymouth 5 Wealdstone 1 Yate 2 Burnham 1. Postponed: Havant v Margate, Tonbridge AFC v Fareham; Waterlooville v Clevedon; Weston-super-Mare v Erith and Belvedere, Witney v Poole. **Midland division:** Bilston 1 King's Lynn 1, Dudley 1 Ilkeston 2; Evesham 1 Hinckley 0, Forest Green Rovers 0 RC Warwick 1, Grantham 4 Armitage 3, Moor Green 2 Bridgnorth 3; Newport AFC 3 Tamworth 4, Redditch 1 Bedworth 4 Rothwell 0 Nuneaton Borough 1, Sutton Coldfield 2 Leicester 3

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division. Arsenal 3 Norwich 1, Chelsea 2 QPR 4, Gillingham 1 Southend 0 Fulham 1 Leyton Orient 0 Millwall 3 Cambridge 1, Portsmouth 3 Charlton 0, Tottenham 3 Ipswich 1, West Ham 2 Watford 3. **Second division:** Brighton 2 Swindon 2, Crystal Palace 4 Tottenham 0, Luton 1 Bristol City 2, Oxford 2 Colchester 2 Reading 0 Brentford 2, Southampton 2 Wimbledon 1 Wycombe Wanderers 3 Bournemouth 4

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 0 Everton 4.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: League Challenge Cup: Second round: Burscough 4 Stantondale 1; Castleton 2 Glossop North End 2, Cheadle 3 Chadderton 3, Clitheroe 0 Maine Road 1, Formby 2 Bootle 2, Nantwich 5 Haslingden 2, Nelson 2 Newcastle Town 3, Penrith 5 Darwen 1, Salford 0 Trafford 1, Tetley Walker 3 Blackpool Rovers 1. **Postponed:** Eastwood v Atherton Collieries, Oldham Town v Holker Old Boys, Prescot v Flixton, Rossendale v St Helens; Skelmersdale v Kidsgrove Athletic

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: **Premier division.** Armthorpe Welfare 3 Glasshoughton 0, Denaby 0 Brigg 2, Lincoln 3 Maltby MW 0; Pickering 4 Arnold 2. **Postponed:** Hucknall v Belper, Ashfield v Harlam, Ossett Albion v Liversedge, Pontefract Col v Ossett Town.

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMB: Premier division: Coleshill 1 Bloxwich 3, Handrahan Timbers 2 Ansells 1, Northfield Town 3 Knowle 1 Wellesbourne 3 Highgate 2. **Postponed:** Sherwood Celtic v Kings Heath, Meir KA v Upton Town

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division. Chipstead 3 Sandhurst 1, Cobham A 1 Godalming and Guildford 2, DCA Basingstoke 1 Nothomo 3, Farnham 4 Ash 4, Merstham 3 Hartley Wintney 2, Viking Sports 4 Ashford Town 2, Westfield 2 Eton Wick 0. **Postponed:** Bedfont v Cranleigh, Horley v Peppard

NUCLEAR ELECTRIC: Kent County League: Premier division: Aylesford 3 Knockholt 2; Greenways 2 Hythe 2; Lordswood 4 Teynham and Lynstead 2; Oakwood 3 Thames Poly 2; Scott Sports 1 Stansfeld 2; Sevenoaks 4 New Romney 1.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey 1 Harpenden 0; Dunstable Old Boys 1 Letchworth Gc 1; Hatfield 3 Buckingham 1; Milton Keynes 3 Brache Sparta 4; Welwyn GC 3 Royston 2: Wingate & Finchley 2 Langford 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 1 Watton 1; Diss 2 Tiptree 1; Hadleigh 3 Chatteris 1, Halstead 6 Great Yarmouth Town 0; Harwich and Parkeston 1 Wisbach 5, Histon 2 Stowmarket 4; March 4 Woodbridge 0; Newmarket 2 Fakenham 1; Soham Rangers 1 Sudbury Wanderers 1, Wroxham 5 Felixstowe 2. Postponed: Haverhill Rovers v Lowestoft.

HEREWARD SPORTS: United Counties League: Premier division: Bourne 1 Kempston 0; Cogenhoe 3 Stotfold 3; Holbeach 2 Eynesbury 3, Long Buckby 3 Northampton Spencer 6, Newport Pagnell 2 Potton 0; Spalding 2 Raunds 2, Wellingborough 1 Raunds 3. Postponed: Wootton v Desborough.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Moreton 2 Shortwood 3, Swindon Supermarine 2 Swindon 3. Postponed: Almondsbury v Brackley; Banbury v North *Leigh, Tuffley Rovers v Bicester; Kintbury* Rangers v Cirencester; Pegasus Juniors v Carterton

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 4 Westbury 2; Calne 1 Saltash 0, Frome 0 Barnstaple 4; Odd Down 2 Chippenham 2. Postponed: Taunton v Liskeard Athletic, Bridport v Torrington

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Durham City 4 Guisborough 1; *Eppleton CW 0* Bedlington Terriers 1; Hebburn 2 Ferryhill Athletic 0, Seaham Red Star 4 Peterlee 2; West Auckland 3 Prudhoe 1. Postponed: Dunston FB v Tow Law, Northallerton v Murton, RTM Newcastle v Consett.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Catford Wanderers 3 Walthamstow Trojans 0; Clapton Villa 4 Beckton 2; Cray Valley 0 Old Roan 4, Tottenham Wine 6 Bridon Ropes 2

JOHN SMITH'S CENTRAL MIDLANDS: Premier Division: Clipstone Welfare 4 Blackwell 0, Derby CW 0 Mexborough Athletic 2; Nuthall 7 Mickleover RBL 0; Thorne Coll 0 Radford 1. Postponed: Derby v Askern Welfare, Holbrook Miners Welfare v Stanton Ilkeston, Killmarsh Athletic v Shardlow St James: Newhall v Mickleover Sports

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior First: Nottsborough 6 Mill Hill Village 0; Wandsworth Bor 1 O Owens 8. Senior Second: Finchleians 4 UCL Academicals 1

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tenisonians 3 Glyn 1: Wilsonians 1 Aloysians 4. Senior First Division: Edmontonians 4 Phoenix 5; Kingsburians 0 Suttonians 3, Tenisonians 1 Isleworthians 4

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE. Premier division: Aldenhamians 3 Lancing OB 2; Eton 2 Carthusians 2. First division: Cholmeleians 4 Ardinians 0, Westminsters 3 Brodfieldians 4, Wykehamists 1 Salopians 5

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division. Old Esthamerans 3 Midland Bank 5. West Wickham 0 Civil Service 3

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Civil Service	7	4	1	2	13	9	9
South Bank	5	4	0	1	10	7	8
O Esthameians	7	3	1	3	14	13	7
O Actonians	5	2	3	0	9	6	7
NatWest	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Crouch End	6	2	2	2	8	8	6
East Barnet	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Winchmore Hill	6	1	3	2	9	11	5
Norsemen	5	2	0	3	7	7	4
W Wickham	6	1	2	3	3	7	4
Midland	6	1	2	3	11	13	4
O Latymerians	5	0	1	4	5	13	1

Second division: Broomfield 3 Alexandra Park 6; Kew Assoc 0 Lloyds Bank 2; Stationers 0 Westminster Cits 2; Third division: Alleyn OB 3 Merton 2; Brentham 4 Bank of England 2; Parmiterians 1 Bromleians 0.

HEREWARD SPORTS: United Counties League: First division: British Timken 4 Daventry 3; Cottingham 2 Ford Sports 5; Narrowby 1 Blisworth 8; Irchester 3 Ramsey 4; St Ives 4 ON Chenecks 1; Thrapston 3 Bugbrooke 1. Posponed: Sharnbrook v Olney; Burton PW v Whitworths.

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry 2 Porthmadog 3; Caersws 0 Bangor 5; Conwy 1 Inter Cardiff 1; Cwmbran 4 Mold 3; Maesteg Park 1 Connah's Quay 1; Rhyl 2 Llanelli 2. Postponed: Flint v Afan Lido; Holywell v Aberystwyth; Llansantffraid v Ton Pentre

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor	13	10	2	1	33	10	32
I Cardiff	13	9	4	0	29	11	31
Cwmbran	13	8	0	5	25	19	24
Flint Town	12	7	1	4	29	17	22
Newtown	11	6	4	1	26	15	22
Porthmadog	13	7	1	5	26	18	22
Ton Pentre	11	6	2	3	24	16	20
Afan Lido	11	6	2	3	18	15	20
Connah's Q	*13*	*6*	*2*	*5*	*20*	*18*	*20*
Rhyl	13	6	1	6	27	26	19
Mold	14	6	1	7	30	31	19
Holywell	12	4	4	4	19	18	16
Caersws	13	5	1	7	26	28	16
Conwy	12	4	3	5	14	16	15
Barry	11	4	2	5	18	20	14
Ebbw Vale	12	4	1	7	14	19	13
L'ffraid	12	3	2	7	21	25	11
Llanelli	13	1	3	9	16	49	6
Aberystwyth	11	0	4	7	13	26	4
Maesteg Pk	13	0	2	11	4	35	2

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Galway 5 Monaghan 2; Sligo Rovers 0 Athlone 0. Postponed: Cork City v St Patricks

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cork City	12	7	2	3	27	17	23
Shamrock R	12	6	4	2	19	11	22
Dundalk	13	6	3	4	10	11	21
Galway Utd	13	6	3	4	19	21	21
St Patricks	12	5	5	2	17	7	20
Derry City	*13*	*5*	*4*	*4*	*12*	*14*	*19*
Bohemians	13	5	3	5	20	15	18
Shelbourne	13	4	4	5	17	17	16
Cobh R	12	3	4	5	13	16	13
Athlone	13	2	5	6	14	20	11
Sligo R	13	2	5	6	10	17	11
Monaghan	13	2	4	7	10	22	10

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 2 Glentoran 3; Cliftonville 1 Ballymena 0; Coleraine 1 Ballyclare 1, Distillery 2 Larne 4; Linfield 4 Glenavon 0; Newry 1 Bangor 1; Omagh 0 Crusaders 1; Portadown 5 Carrick 4

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Crusaders	9	7	2	0	24	10	23
Portadown	9	7	0	2	21	8	21
Glentoran	9	5	2	2	16	7	17
Linfield	9	5	1	3	21	10	16
Glenavon	9	4	2	3	22	15	14
Coleraine	9	3	5	1	18	15	14
Cliftonville	9	4	2	3	10	10	14
Bangor	9	3	4	2	11	7	13
Carrick	9	3	3	3	24	25	12
Distillery	9	3	2	4	15	18	11
Ballymena	9	3	2	4	11	13	11
Ards	9	2	3	4	12	18	9
Omagh Town	9	1	4	4	7	13	7
Larne	9	2	1	6	8	24	7
Newry	9	1	2	6	12	27	5
Ballyclare	9	1	1	7	7	20	4

P&J HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Clachnacuddin 1 Brora Rangers 3; Forres Mechanics 2 Wick Academy 1; Fort William 2 Deveronvale 6; Fraserburgh 1 Lossiemouth 3; Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1; Rothes 0 Cove Rangers 2.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Dynamo Dresden 1 Bayer Uerdingen 2, Bayern Munich 2 Schalke 04 0; Duisburg 1 Cologne FC 3; Fribourg 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Werder Bremen 4 Vfb Stuttgart 0; Bayer Leverkusen 0 Karlsruhe 0.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2	1	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	3	1½	2	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 23pts: dividend forecast is moderate. There were six jackpot draws, *nine score draws* and five no-score draws.

Rob Hughes discovers that football referees are human, too

A cautionary tale, a match for the best



Cooper finds a moment during the passionate Premiership derby at Old Trafford to share a joke with McClair, the Manchester United forward. Photograph: Ian Stewart

BRITAIN'S leading 20 football referees met in Birmingham yesterday to discuss, among other things, whether to withdraw their co-operation from after-match television interviews. The referees' role has brought increased attention this season as they have been asked to rule matches with new interpretations from Fifa, the world governing body, designed to protect creative footballers. Some have been vilified for doing so, none more so than Keith Cooper, 46, who sent off two players in one match and returned home to hate mail and abusive phone calls.

Appointed as referee for the Manchester derby on Thursday, he received £300 to officiate in a match involving players paid £10,000 a year. But what of the man in the green shirt? Cooper's match day, lasting more than 19 hours, reveals the human side of the top football referee.

Cooper's day begins at 6.30am. He drives from his Pontypridd home down the valley to Rhydyfelin, to light a coal fire and make breakfast for his 87-year-old father.

9.00am: The Dell primary school, Chepstow. Cooper is a mobility officer employed by Gwent educational service for the visually impaired. He has 14 pupils dotted around the county and this morning's pupil is Hannah Farron, nine. The relationship is tactile, trusting, loving. "If it wasn't for Mr Cooper," she says, "I wouldn't be able to go to the shops." This apparently simple task is fraught with danger without guidance and teaching and he, with Hannah's white stick instead of his whistle, with laughter but also a scam of thoroughness and due care, does not underestimate the job. "If Hannah fails a maths exam, she can retake it," he observes. "If she makes a mistake crossing the road, she can't."

As the lesson ends, she asks, with mock innocence: "Who are you going to send off tonight?" "Nobody, I hope," is the fleeting reply.

11.00am: Cooper drives from Chepstow to Newport, stopping for tea and toast. His wife, Gill, and his friend, Mike Davies, are to accompany him on the 205-mile journey to Old Trafford.

The conversation switches between the earnestness and the sense of beleaguerment of the modern referee and the jocular banter that is a part of Cooper's personality. "My sons [Neil, 20, and Steven, 14], get all the stick in the world," he observes. Gill Cooper adds that the aftermath of the Leicester-Coventry game was more traumatic even than the Coca-Cola Cup final last season, in which Cooper sent off Andrei Kanchelskis, the Manchester United winger. She read and threw away most of the letters. "We are going to get you ... Watch your step ... Stay with the sheep," was the basic tenor.

"What hurt," Cooper says, "was Keren Barratt [a first-class referee himself] going on Radio Coventry and lambasting me. People in glass houses shouldn't throw rocks."

Cooper turns from the wheel of his Vauxhall Cavalier and asks straight-faced: "Are you the best-looking newspaper reporter, because I'm told I am the best-looking referee!" It is characteristic of his humour. He pricks seriousness and pomposity where he meets it, on or off the field.

There is no stopping Cooper until he is in sight of Old Trafford. He has left hours early, afraid of the interminable roadworks and traffic jams. Davies, with whom he played junior football 30 years ago, accompanies him to most games, using one of two complimentary tickets a referee receives. At a Little Chef, they share the benefits of Cooper's £20 meal allowance.

4.15pm: Cooper arrives in gathering dusk at Old Trafford. It is three years since he has refereed a Manchester United home match and this, the 121st Manchester derby, is his first experience of that city's raw and compelling passion play. He is met everywhere by friendly, almost servile respect. He is shown to the new match officials' dressing-room, splendid like everything else at the stadium.

His linesmen, Mike Fletcher, from the Midlands, and Tony Leake, from Darwen, and the standby official, Roger Dilkes, from Mossley, arrive. It is common practice for the officials to travel separately, ensuring that, if one is held up, the others will be there.

There is, at once, a bond, a comradeship between the four. They are anything but the lonely, alienated individuals one imagines. Each official is accompanied by friends or family and the rest room for the officials has its own ambience. Although Dilkes is a Premiership referee in his own right, Cooper is effectively the patriarchal head of this impromptu family and, by force of personality and instinct, he laces the repartee with his jokes and his easy conversation.



The visitors include Ken Dagnell, a referee of the old school who is to be the match assessor. They include also the police officer who briefs Cooper on evacuation procedures and concludes: "I will lead you out. There will be verbals, quite a lot if the last visit of City is anything to go by. Try not to get involved."

Returning to the referees' changing-room, Cooper's meetings with Sky Television personnel have a charged atmosphere. Nick Collins, the interviewer who, without video evidence, had disbelieved Cooper's view that Jimmy Willis, of Leicester, had elbowed an opponent in the face, has the grace to apologise, but Andy Gray, the old players' critical voice from the commentary seat, studiously avoids Cooper.

> 'The booking of Phelan was one of the best refereeing decisions of the season. Phelan knew it, too. He put his arm round the referee and kissed him'

8.00pm: The stadium is transformed, 43,738 spectators calling for action. In the tunnel with six minutes to kick-off, Cooper reminds Niall Quinn, the City captain, that he still has the Irishman's international shirt for which he exchanged a Fifa referee's jersey years ago.

Cooper leads them out. He limbers up, mindful that his last Premiership match, at West Ham, ended prematurely when he strained an Achilles tendon. There has been no doubt in his self-testing and rigorous training that the tendon cannot take the seven miles or more that a referee runs during a top match.

While he awaits the thumbs up from a Sky technician that the all-powerful television medium is ready for kick-off, he is dwarfed by Quinn and Steve Bruce, the United captain. At 5ft 7½in, he is a Welsh bantam between heavyweights and, within 90 seconds, he is obliged to show the first yellow card, to Mark Hughes.

The players may suspect otherwise, but referees are generally fans of their skills and their application. Hughes is a favourite performer of Cooper's, a fellow Welshman and a player who has, by his fighting spirit and his control, held together the United team for which he plays.

Yet Hughes characteristically and obligingly invites Cooper to take his name, to stamp authority from the outset, by belligerently kicking out at an opponent. There was much squaring-up between the protagonists. Cooper stood five yards away, hands behind his back. "Some referees would get between them. I've done that in the past," Cooper said, "but it's better to stand where you can see everything. If they want to punch one another I will send them off." Instead the players control themselves, a yellow card for Hughes suffices — or at least it does for another minute, after which Nicky Summerbee is also cautioned for a late and spiteful tackle.

There are to be four more yellow cards, all for fouls, but, after the first decisive action, Cooper is able to display the real art of a referee: he shows the players respect. He has cut out the potential poison and the match flows freely.



> 'United's skills were enjoyed to the full. When Cantona scored, Cooper's body language gave him away. There was a little skip of excitement'

United are overpowering, the skills of Cantona and Kanchelskis enjoyed to the full even by the referee and his linesmen. When, for example, the first goal is scored — a wonderful, perceptive deep cross from Kanchelskis being taken on the right ankle by Cantona, who then allowed the ball to run three yards before scoring with his left foot — the body language of Cooper is a giveaway. Twelve yards behind the ball, there is a little skip of excitement, of anticipation from the official.

The reason? Cooper at heart is a goalscorer himself, or he was many years ago when his trials with Wales schoolboys and youth led to a groundstaff apprenticeship with Jimmy Scoular's Cardiff City. That potential career was aborted by injuries, similar nagging ankle injuries to those that still threaten the career of Marco Van Basten, the Dutch goalscorer, whose treatment by international thugs on the field stimulated the Fifa backlash against foul play.

Towards the final minutes of the game, an unrelenting, unforgiving physical match in the sense of its pace and counter-attacking thrill, the face of Cooper suggests the effort expended. In the 89th minute, United break the length of the field. Cooper, his cheeks sunken, his green shirt dark with sweat, has to erupt into acceleration; his chin is tucked onto his chest, his legs are pumping as he sprints in the wake of Kanchelskis. And yet there is a smile at witnessing the Ukrainian's third goal of the night.

9.50pm: The final whistle, the handshakes with no less than eight performers, a brief joke with Bruce, an obvious word of compassion from Cooper to the stand-in City goalkeeper, Tracey, and then they are in the tunnel.

The Sky producer attempts to wrest the ball from the referee. Cooper is having none of it. It is his prerogative, his desire, to seek out Kanchelskis, to present the player with the match ball to commemorate his hat-trick. "It was something I dearly wanted to do," Cooper said. "He's a lovely fellow, Kanchelskis, and after I had sent him off for handball at Wembley last March, I was told by Graham Kelly [the FA chief executive] that if I had failed to do it I would have been taken off the list."

There it is: in the midst of a match aftermath high on satisfaction and fulfilment, a middle-aged referee confesses that the spirit of his game, his will, is bound by the new zeal of international rules.

In the referees' changing-room, there is consensus from the assessor and the officials that the performance — their performance — was good. And what, they ask, did it look like from the press box? There was one doubtful yellow card. They knew, before I could describe it, that I referred to the booking of Terry Phelan in the second half. Dilkes explains: "That was the best piece of refereeing of the night, one of the best of the season. Keith had seen him whack the calf of an opponent, he had let play go on to give United full advantage, and then he rightly cautioned Phelan." Phelan knew it too, for he had his arm around the referee and, amazingly, he kissed Cooper. "It was on the cheeks, mind," Cooper said.

10.30pm: Cooper departs. As he drives back to South Wales, the relief is as evident as the sense of a high. The Sky interrogation is history, this match had caused no alarm. "You know, I had to stifle my normal instinct tonight," he says. "I normally referee very much like the rugby boys do, using the delayed whistle to allow advantage to accrue, but, in a derby match such as this, the delay can lead to too much temper."

2.00am: The referee, a man more worldly than the players, returns home. He will sleep with no regrets, no harsh and vindictive judgments. His next match? Ebbw Vale in the Konica League of Wales, and then, in a fortnight, Newcastle United v Ipswich Town.

It possibly surprises many people, those who follow the Andy Gray school of condemnation, that the referee is human, that from the early morning with a blind girl called Hannah to the late evening with players sometimes blind to the rules of their game, he exercises freedom within apparently rigid laws. It would be a soulless affair if ever it were otherwise.

HUW EVANS



A mobility officer by day, Cooper's expertise helps Hannah Farron

IAN STEWART



A referee by night, Cooper takes the name of Hughes for a foul

Galicia's cultured skills take pride of place in Glasgow

IN SOME obscure corner of Glasgow, there must be parents who are still clinging to power. Only a mother's authority could explain the Sunday grooming of a few little girls, with their pony-tails and hairbands, at the Kelvin Hall. How much longer, though, will the daughters remain amenable?

These children were watching the international indoor women's soccer championships yesterday and surely took to heart this advert for the joys of recklessness. Here were thumping tackles, showy goals, intense delight and widescreen disappointment. Hairstyles can go hang.

Autographs were being sought and imitation will follow. A day like this is bound to plant its dreams and a few of the audience might grow up to become participants. By then, we may even have escaped the tedious discussion, conducted only by men, about the standards of women's football. This is a bizarre topic. If you had to be good before you could play then every pub team in the land would have to disband.

In any case, the entertainment at the Kelvin Hall was of a high calibre. Apart from a total absence of cussing, the tournament did not suffer at all from "ladylike" tendencies. Instead, there was incessant aggression and some finely-honed skill. It was also intriguing to discover that national traits cross the boundaries of sex.

The winners, Galicia, from the north-west of Spain, were, as cliché would demand, full of Latin flair and subtle tempo. On the other hand, Norway, the champions and favourites, obviously came from the same manufacturer as their men's side and stuck

KEVIN McCARRA



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to a direct style. They brought an under-strength party to Scotland and lost their semi-final 3-0 to Galicia, but hinted at the nation's prowess.

In Norwegian schools, they even have an equal opportunity play-time. Over the past 20 years, it has become normal for boys and girls to get together for a kickabout.

There are signs of development all over Europe. Galicia's expertise probably stems from the fact that, in their rainy land, five-a-side is the principal form of football for women. They were still a touch lucky to get the better of Scotland A in the final.

Maria Varela had scored in the semi-final by drifting an artful flick across the goalkeeper, but, against the Scots, she was all tenacity as she bustled through a challenge to give Galicia the lead. Paula Garcia increased it before Lorraine Marshall scored to bring the hosts back into contention. Despite pounding play and shots against the woodwork, though, an equaliser never arrived.

It had been an exhilarating occasion, but it would be dishonest to ignore the problems that still beset women's football. There seems to be confusion at organisational level, since both Holland and England initially indicated that they wished to attend and then pulled out at a late stage.

To fill the gaps, Scotland eventually fielded three sides in the eight-team tournament, inevitably detracting a little from the competition. Nor was that the only reason for locals to brood.

It may be fashionable to suppose that women's sport is in the ascendant, but the truth can be a little different. These indoor championships, which are in their third year, may also have celebrated their last birthday. The staging of them yesterday was an ordeal, since Glasgow City Council had reduced the budget from £27,000 to £10,000.

Maureen McGonigle, the executive administrator of the Scottish Women's Football Association, fears that the championships will not take place again. The local authority, however, will have surely failed in their duty if, a year from now, excited voices are absent and the Kelvin Hall is left to another dreary Sunday.

South Africa back on course but continue to struggle with rucking

Injuries to Joubert and Venter mar win

Scottish Districts 6
South Africa XV 33

BY ALAN LORIMER

AFTER the setback of last Wednesday, when they lost to Scotland A at Melrose, South Africa rediscovered the winning habit with a comfortable victory over the Combined Scottish Districts in the CIS match at Old Anniesland, Glasgow, on Saturday.

Few expected a different result, but it was important psychologically for the tourists that what was almost their strongest side should achieve a substantial victory seven days before the Royal Bank international match against Scotland at Murrayfield. The South Africans' main concern is the injuries to Andre Joubert and Brendan Venter.

Joubert, who was again in outstanding form, is a key part of the backline attack, but he left the field midway through the second half after straining his hamstring. Kitch Christie, the South Africa coach, predicted that Joubert would be fully fit for next Saturday. The news on Venter, however, was that he has an injury to the medial ligament of his right knee and will now return home. Helgard Muller, elder brother of Pieter, will replace him.

Despite the victory, Francois Pienaar, the South Africa captain, expressed some concern: "I was not happy with the team performance. We did not play as a unit," he said. "but I was pleased with the set phases."

Quite rightly. The tourists looked powerful in the set scrums and awesomely efficient at the lineout, where Mark Andrews and Rudi Straueli were impressively effective. They will certainly have given the watching Scotland coaches food for thought.

Andrews's line-out possession and his subsequent drive created the try in the first half for Pieter Muller — the first of two scores for the burly centre — while Straueli finished off a pushover effort before making the initial surge that created a try for Ruben Kruger.

The tourists' other try was a piece of sheer adventure from a break-out in their own half involving Joubert and Venter that ended with Joost Ven der Westhuizen touching down. Whether such adventurous play will be attempted against Scotland will depend, to a great extent, on the weather.

On Saturday, for their second game north of the border, South Africa were again faced with wet conditions and, once more, they showed that they are still uncomfortable with the rucking game. Indeed, at one point late in the match, as the districts team tried desperately to score from a succession of penalty moves, Pienaar was warned by Clayton Thomas, the Welsh referee, that a sending off could result from the repeated attempts to kill the ball.

A try would have been a just reward for the scratch districts team that had had only two practice sessions. They attacked the tourists in the first quarter and again in the final ten minutes of the second half and they refused to fold after South Africa had scored three tries in a 15-minute burst in the second half, to hoist their lead from 12-6 to 33-6.

The districts side, praised by Graham Hogg, their coach, for "committed tackling throughout the 80 minutes", came close to scoring in the last ten minutes of the game, first when Hugh Gilmour, the right wing, was put away only for a try-saving tackle by Muller to thwart the young Heriots man. Then, from a lineout move, Graham Ellis, the Currie hooker, was bundled into touch at the corner.

Shade Munro, the Scotland lock of last season, who was back after recovering from injury, performed well alongside Alan Watt, who looked much more comfortable back at second row and performing as the front jumper. In the front row, Grant Wilson and Brian Robertson confirmed the glowing reports of them this season while, at flanker, Gordon Mackay played with the rugged dynamism of a latterday Finlay Calder.

Behind the scrum, Sean Lineen, the former Scotland centre, worked with relative novices, but there were encouraging performances from Mark McKenzie, at stand-off half, and Graeme Burns, the Stewart's Melville FP scrum half — the latter bringing off two glorious try-saving tackles in the second half and perhaps showing the way for the kind of defensive chores that Scotland will have to perform at Murrayfield next Saturday.

SCORERS: Combined Scottish Districts: Penalty goal: McKenzie (2). South Africa: Tries: Muller (2), Van der Westhuizen, Straueli, Kruger. Conversions: Joubert (3), Johnson

COMBINED SCOTTISH DISTRICTS: N Mardon (Boroughmuir); H Gilmour (Heriot's FP), A McRobbie (Heriot's FP), S Unsen (Boroughmuir), J Kerr (Watsonians); M McKenzie (Stirling County), G Burns (Stewart's-Melville FP); G Wilson (Boroughmuir), G Ellis (Currie), B Robertson (Stirling County), B Ward (Currie), A Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), G Mackay (Stirling County), S Reid (Boroughmuir).

SOUTH AFRICA XV: A Joubert (Natal); P Hendriks (Transvaal), P Muller (Natal), B Venter (Orange Free State), C Williams (Western Province); H Le Roux (Transvaal), J Van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal); P du Randt (Orange Free State), U Schmidt (Transvaal), T Laubscher (Western Province), F Pienaar (Transvaal), M Andrews (Natal), P Schutte (Transvaal), R Kruger (Northern Transvaal), R Straeuli (Transvaal). Joubert replaced by G Johnson (Transvaal, 55min); Venter replaced by J Stransky (Western Province, 70).

Referee: C Thomas (Wales).



Venter tries to intervene as Wilson launches a Scottish attack on Saturday. Photograph: George Wilkie

Chairman guides Bedford towards promotion

Bedford 39
Harrogate 13

BY BRYAN STILES

ANY referee worth his badge must be able to remain aloof from the maelstrom that often swirls about him on a rugby pitch. Coolness under pressure is a prerequisite for anybody who finds pleasure in blowing his whistle all Saturday afternoon.

Ian Bullerwell was invariably a cool customer, even when he reached the exalted station of international panel referee for England. Now he sits in the stand at Bedford every other Saturday, wincing when the referee makes a blunder, particularly when it affects his team.

Bullerwell gave up his whistle more than four years ago and, in an unusual decision for a referee, became chairman of his hometown club. Now he reigns at Goldington Road and is a driving force behind the recent success there.

Bedford had plunged into the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, but are fighting back. Last year, they were denied promotion only by points difference and, this year, they lead the table, seemingly destined to reach the second division — a level that Bullerwell feels the club and the town deserves.

A successful businessman, he knows the financial pitfalls of the market place. He has a pragmatic approach to what can be achieved in a county town such as Bedford and feels his club would sit comfortably in the middle of the second division — unless, of course, there were to be a sudden influx of top-class players. However, with Leicester and Northampton offering a much more appetising proposition for ambitious players, that is unlikely.

While some middle-ranking clubs in the Midlands have gone into the red in search of success, Bullerwell has kept Bedford well in the black. He is proud of the achievement, but the chairman is still only part of the recent success at Goldington Road.

Mike Rafter, the former England flanker, is the coach and has worked wonders with the pack, particularly the back row — the cornerstone of the victory over Harrogate on Saturday by two goals, two tries and five penalty goals to one goal and two penalties.

Rafter missed a treat — he was playing in a veterans' tournament in Bermuda, as was Fran Clough, the former Wasps and England centre, who has joined Bedford this year and who has brought a new dimension to the midfield play. He would have revelled in Bedford's second-half supremacy.

Harrogate were enterprising at first, trailing 9-6 at the interval and with Dan Clappison, at 18, looking a fine prospect, but, when Bedford turned up the heat in the second half, their defence was exposed. Andy Finnie collected another 19 points to bring his total for the season to 151 and sweeping moves involving backs and forwards brought tries in the second half for Turner, Whetstone and Alston.

SCORERS: Bedford: Tries: Turner (2), Whetstone, Alston. Conversions: Finnie (2). Penalty goals: Finnie (5). Harrogate: Try: Atkins. Conversion: Clappison. Penalty goals: Clappison (2).

BEDFORD: M Cook; R Subbiani, B Whetstone, P Allen, V Turner; A Finnie, J Farr; P Garnett, M Sherry, S Basra, M Deans, M Upex, S Harris, I Bolingsley, P Alston. Cook replaced by J Cooley (33min).

HARROGATE: I Hassall; R Harris, C Read, E Atkins, R Bell; D Clappison, G Irvine; A Simpson, R Whyley, D Hall, S Baker, P Taylor, R Castleton, R Meredith, J Hopkinson. Baker replaced by D Wheat (6).

Referee: R Maerlco (London).

Forwards provide impetus for spree of tries

West Hartlepool 5
Canterbury 56

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

CANTERBURY have brought with them a supporting sheep, or at least the head of one. This fixed-grin beast frolics about the touchline and is far from sheepish in its exuberant celebration, which perhaps explained the poor animal's exhaustion after so emphatic a display.

When Jack Rowell, the England manager, talks of a new playing style that allows forwards and backs to integrate as a seamless attacking unit, then a look at the holders of New Zealand's Ranfurly Shield should not go amiss in their remaining five matches. Such co-ordinated speed of movement simply does not prevail at club level here.

Even at half-strength, West Hartlepool expected to perform half-decently, yet were overwhelmed by Canterbury's vastly superior handling, vision and pace, which seemed unaffected by the monsoonal conditions. With 208 points in four outings, it is difficult to see their tour being anything more than an exhibition.

Although without several of their luminaries, they would have provided a far truer examination at Twickenham than Romania did. Saturday at a sparse Brierton Lane was no contest. Morgan, Gardiner and Charteris, a young and eager back row, held sway and provided much of the impetus that built up such a head of scoring steam that it was a relief for West Hartlepool that the whistle went three minutes early.

For a club with a proud New Zealand connection — Paul Hodder, the West Hartlepool captain, is the latest in a long line of Kiwis, including the Whetton brothers — this heaviest defeat by a touring side was a miserable rubbing of noses in their own dirt, although they had themselves partly to blame.

Such self-punishment in possession as West inflicted, with the exception of Cook's well-taken try, allowed Canterbury to feed heartily on their errors. Tries originated from all parts of the compass, none more impressively than Bale's third, a searing and shimmying 60-yard gallop up the right touchline.

Morgan's elusive strength was the mainspring of the first three touchdowns, Charteris claimed the next and Gardiner's pace set up Bale's second score and one for Gibson on the left flank. Before the referee's mercy prevailed, Kele shot over from short range and Gardiner claimed the ninth and last try for himself. Only the sheep went wild.

SCORERS: West Hartlepool: Try: Cook. Canterbury: Tries: Bale (3), Hansen, Morgan, Charteris, Gibson, Kele, Gardiner. Conversions: Philpott (4). Penalty Goal: Philpott.

WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant; D Evans, J Gammond, P Hodder, K Whitaker, J Stabler, S Cook; P Lancaster, T Herbert, M Shelley, D Mitchell, J Dixon, K Westgarth, P Evans, T Jaques. Stabler replaced by W Ridley 31min; Mitchell by D Lockey 61; Jaques by J Whittaker 68.

CANTERBURY: S Philpott; P Bale, T Matson, M Mayerhoffer, D Gibson; A Mehrtens, S Hansen; S Loe, M Saxton; T Kele, D Charteris, M McAtamney, C England, A Gardiner, I Morgan.

Referee: M Edwards (Warwickshire).

Alun Haines, captain of Abercynon, of the Heineken League second division, was taken to hospital on Saturday morning after suffering a heart attack. On the way to the game, Geraint Kathrens, the team's hooker, wrote off his car, though he was fit to play for the top-of-the-table match at Aberavon, which Aberavon won 22-0.

Pontypridd show potential for Springbok resistance

Pontypridd 32
Swansea 10

BY JOHN HOPKINS

WAS it a fluke or a continuing nightmare? The place to find out whether Swansea could recover from a 70-point defeat by the Springboks was Sardis Road on Saturday and so half of Wales climbed to the doorstep of the Rhondda Valley that houses Pontypridd. Had a bomb been dropped on the picturesque ground, several of the present Wales team would have gone and a number of former players, too.

J.P.R. Williams, the great full back, had to squeeze on to the end of a row. Gareth Edwards and David Richards sat behind him. Nearby was Brynmor Williams, the former scrum-half, and, at the back, Ray Gravell, the hard-tackling centre.

It was Gravell who expressed the view of the majority who had been at St Helen's one week earlier: "At half-time, I thought that Swansea might win," he said. "They had looked good and had scored a wonderful try. Never did I think the Springboks would score so many points after the interval."

"It was a humbling experience," Mike Ruddock, the Swansea coach, said. "You could not pick a fault in the second half. What we have had to do this week is learn from this defeat."

For most of this game, Swansea resembled a side that had just been badly beaten. Apart from the scrums, where they had the edge, and a ten-minute period in the second half, Swansea were always under pressure.

Pontypridd, on the other hand, were very committed and purposeful, a team whose zest for running rugby was such that they scored three good tries, the last an end-to-end affair as good as any you'll see — and this on a pitch that contained puddles the size of sheets.

When Matthew Lloyd scored Pontypridd's third try and Jenkins kicked his only conversion, Swansea had conceded 100 points in successive matches, a fact that Pontypridd's supporters narrowly failed to keep to themselves. "We did not feel we were disgraced," Ruddock said, but it was a view that not everybody shared.

Still, tonight, eight Swansea players will have their fitness tested, followed by another eight one week later and so on. "We've got to raise our fitness levels," Ruddock said. "What happened last Saturday was that we could not sustain the physical effort required against a massive side for 80 minutes."

Swansea had the points to prove, but it was Pontypridd who proved them as they moved to second place in of the Heineken League first division. Paul John is nearer playing for Wales after this performance, particularly as Robert Jones was carried off with a ligament strain and Rupert Moon injured an ankle playing for Llanelli. Neil Jenkins, the Pontypridd metronome, kicked goals from all over the field.

In eight days time, the South Africans play Pontypridd at Sardis Road. Is another humbling of a Welsh club on the cards? I do not think so. "There is a good atmosphere here," Gravell said. "They'll do well against the Springboks, just you wait and see."

SCORERS: Pontypridd: Tries: Marley, Thomas, Lloyd. Conversion: Jenkins. Penalty goal: Jenkins (5). Swansea: Try: Simon Davies. Conversion: Williams. Penalty goal: Williams.

PONTYPRIDD: C Cormack, C Marley, J Lewis, S Lewis, C Thomas, N Jenkins, P John, N Bezant, P John, A Metcalfe, M Spiller, G Prosser, M Rowley, R Collins, D McIntosh. McIntosh replaced by M Lloyd (57min).

SWANSEA: D Weatherly, Simon Davies, S McIntosh, R Boobyer, S Marshall, J Williams, Robert Jones, I Buckett, G Jenkins, R Llewellyn, A Reynolds, M Evans, R Monamy, R Appleyard, Stuart Davies. Robert Jones replaced by Phocbe Jones (60). Stuart Davies by I Davies (62).

Referee: T Rowlands (Treorchy).

Homespun Dunvant pay price of over-eagerness

Dunvant 10
Cardiff 27

BY GERALD DAVIES

CARDIFF'S win takes them four points clear at the top of the Heineken League first division, but I will begin with Dunvant, for your heart goes out to them and you long for them to succeed.

Nestled in the tiny Clyne Valley within hearing distance of the Gower seagulls and destined to exist beneath the towering shadow of the Swansea club, Dunvant, to everyone's satisfaction, survived their initial season in the first division.

They represent the hopes and ambitions of every small village club. With the new democracy which the league introduced, the log cabin to the White House syndrome applied, at last, in Welsh rugby. Dunvant were the first to make that dream come true. They stayed to live for a second season and, with fingers crossed, they'll stay for a while yet.

There is another reason why they should be urged on. Uniquely, among almost every club in the first and second division, their team is made up entirely of home-grown talent.

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Not only that — and which is also unique — they nurture rugby in nine other teams for players from eight to 15. They're doing their bit for the sake of Welsh rugby and are not seen as essentially parasitic in the way others are.

On Saturday, they gave a good account of themselves against the might of Cardiff, most of whose players, one way or another, arrived from elsewhere. Dunvant are an enterprising team, but were a little too eager. Keen to get their hands on the ball, they frequently did so while lying on the ground or in an offside position.

Adrian Davies punished them by kicking the goals, so that, from being in the lead after a try by Greenwood, who took advantage of Lloyd harrassing Moore at the base of a scrum near Cardiff's line, they were trailing because of their own misdemeanours.

In anticipation of the advantageous wind in the second-half, this deficit was not too uncomfortable to bear, but, with seconds to go before the interval, a superb change of direction by Hall gave him a try in the corner, which was equally superbly converted by Davies. The home team's prospects suddenly shifted.

Cardiff are at last beginning to show their true worth: they are realising their potential. They had accumulated over 100 points in their previous last two matches, which with suggests, as they often did here, that the ball should be kept on the move.

They were encouraged by a similar approach from their opponents who, soon into the second half, fell foul on the floor again and were duly punished. When a similar opportunity presented itself a few moments later, Moore decided to ignore the shot at goal and ran. It was left to Hall to split the defence for his second try.

Late on, Mefin Davies scored a try for Dunvant.

SCORERS: Dunvant: Tries: Greenwood, M Davies. Cardiff: Tries: Hall (2). Conversion: A Davies. Penalty goals: A Davies (5).

DUNVANT: M Thomas; P Hopkins, G Davies, D Richards, S Morgan; W Booth, N Lloyd; N Waygood, M Davies, K Allen, I Callaghan, D Nicto, J Bowden, R Greenwood, P Morris. M Thomas replaced by W Lloyd 57mn, G Davies replaced by C Hutchers, 62.

CARDIFF: J Westwood, S Ford, M Hall, S Lasty, S Hill, A Davies, A Moore; M Griffiths, J Humphreys; P Sedgemore, M Bennett, S Roy, D Jones, O Williams, E Lewis. J Westwood replaced by G John, 56; M Bennett replaced by M Budd, 63

Referee: G Simmonds (Cardiff).

Tour victory gives Scotland hope of healing deep wounds



Hastings: first choice

BY ALAN LORIMER

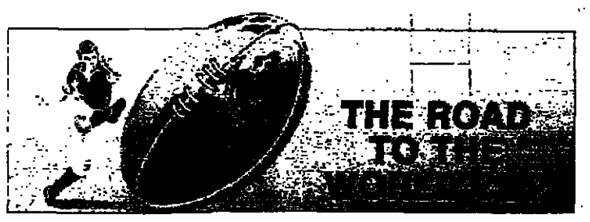
Whatever the result of the Royal Bank international between Scotland and South Africa at Murrayfield on Saturday, Scottish rugby has already received the lift it so desperately needed with that fine victory by the A side over the South Africans last Wednesday at Melrose. In the eyes of many, it will represent a turning point after what has been a difficult 12 months for Scottish rugby and, perhaps, some hope for the World Cup in South Africa next summer.

A year ago, there appeared to be little hope for the chances of Scotland at the World Cup. New Zealand had no sooner arrived in Scotland than they inflicted a deep psychological wound on the Border community, the very heartland of Scottish rugby, with that never-to-be-forgotten 84-5 slaughter of South at Netherdale.

The A team restored a measure of pride by holding the All Blacks to a 20-9 scoreline, but, a week later, an ill-prepared Scotland were put to the sword as New Zealand ran up a 55-15 scoreline to post a record victory over them.

If that were not bad enough for the Scots, seven days later, at Twickenham, a determined England showed that New Zealand were not, after all, invincible.

There are, however, several new dimensions within Scottish rugby that give cause for cautious optimism and a sense that the game north of the border might refind its strengths for the World Cup. Not the least of these is the appointment of Jim Telfer to the new post of Scotland director of rugby — innovative thinking by the Scottish Rugby Union that is already paying dividends.



It is no coincidence that, since the appointment of Telfer, Scottish rugby directors have approved a new format for the national league programme that should do much to improve the standards of club rugby north of the border, but it is in the matter of World Cup preparation that Telfer's influence will be greatest.

Scotland have a large team of coaches and advisers working with the preliminary squad, which numbers almost 60 players. "There are a number of what I call 'mentors' working with players behind the scenes," Telfer said. One of his tenets for the World Cup is that potential team members should play a limited number of games during the season.

Apart from Telfer and the two senior coaches, Douglas Morgan and Richie Dixon, the involvement of Ian McGeechan and, on the fitness side, Frank Dick and David MacLean will be crucial.

Scotland, who have arranged warm-up games against play Canada and Romania this season, wasted little time in launching their battle plan with the announcement in August of a preliminary training squad of 51 players.

Since then, events have changed the composition of the squad, notably the injury to Gary Armstrong, the Jed-Forest scrum half, which forced him to withdraw. "There is no doubt that we are hampered by the loss of Gary and, indeed, of Andy Nicol as well," Telfer said.

Also out is Andrew Aitken, the Natal back row forward, who played for Scotland in the Hong Kong Sevens last season and who now wants to pursue his rugby career with South Africa.

There are, however, a number of exciting prospects in the squad, including Ron Eriksson, the strongly-built London Scottish centre and a former Scottish Schools cap; Nick Mardon, the Boroughmuir full back, who has made spectacular progress since taking up the game only five years ago; and Rowen Shepherd, whose performance for Scotland A last week confirmed him as the second in line to Gavin Hastings, the Scotland captain, for the position of full back.

Among the forwards, David Hilton, the Bath prop, has proved a useful addition, along with Millan Browne, a Scotland Under-21 cap last season, who has the mobility Scotland will require for South Africa.

All 28 players from the Argentina tour have been included, suggesting that Scotland want some return on this investment even if the results were disappointing. Of course, the squad announced is no more than an initial selection and could change significantly as the World Cup approaches.

Rowell's old dogs show willingness to master new tricks


Carling: aware of risks

DAVID MILLER
At Twickenham

Jack Rowell's conception of "total rugby" — all players capable of all functions when the ball is in their hands — took off against Romania, but can hardly be said to have taken root. It remains to be seen how far, within the five matches available before the World Cup, he can teach old dogs of 30-plus new tricks.

There are five of them in the England team that predictably trampled all over Romania in a match that, in global credibility, proved nothing beyond the extent to which Romania have to improve to become serious opposition in the top flight of the game. From midway through the first half, with England leading 12-3, the match — as a match — had ceased to exist.

Last week, in discussion with Jonah Barrington on motivation in international sport, Will Carling, the captain of England, wanted to hear from the gnarled old squash campaigner just how he ground out those victories that were often a triumph of mind over matter.

Carling concedes that England lost the second international against South Africa, in Cape Town last summer, because "we didn't want it enough, not as much as they did"; that England, having won the first match splendidly, felt they had done enough.

Carling acknowledges, too, that motiviating an England team to realise its potential and to win the World Cup in the southern hemisphere is running against a cultural tradition, especially evident in rugby, in which mental meanness does not marry with the theory, held by many of their followers, that England can excel without too much sweat.

On analysis, Rowell, the manager who is trying to reorientate England's game on a looser, more free-handling basis, had much to be pleased about; but there was much, also, to concern him. The passing, for instance, in spite of enterprise throughout, too frequently inviting interception. Any of the big three — South Africa, New Zealand or Australia — whom England will probably have to beat in succession if they are to win the World Cup next year, would have swiftly punished the occasions when the ball was dropped.

There was a gulf, it must be said, between England's handling, good as it was, and that of the Australia rugby league team the previous week at Old Trafford, where Britain were annihilated in the second international. By an irony, there were moments, even during Romania's prolonged rout, when voices could be heard wishing that Rob Andrew would revert to his more pragmatic kicking style: to secure territorial advantage or to place the emphasis back on the rucking domination of England's forwards.

Yet another area in which Rowell will know there is some way to go is in the use of ball won by the forwards. Old habits die hard and there is still the tendency by England's pack, when finding the ball in their hands in the loose, to hurl themselves immediately headlong into the next knot of opponents, for the second-phase, third-phase development that was so expertly worked under Geoff Cooke's management.

What Rowell wants, and what is acknowledged by Carling, is for the forwards to go into mauls with their heads up, so to speak, conscious of other options: to keep open the variation that characterise Australian play. "We still have a tendency to play too much within ourselves, to be too conservative," Carling said.

That characteristic conservatism was often evident now, particularly in the first half, as England's rolling mauls drained the strength away from fragile opponents who were no match for the power and experience that was confronting them.

What is needed, if England are to go to South Africa next year with realistic chances of becoming champion, is that sense of "total rugby" in which there is no longer a coaching, tactical and mental schism between backs and forwards, as though theirs were wholly separate functions. This has been the emphasis of England's recent fortnightly get-togethers.

The benefit — and effect — was particularly apparent on Saturday, yet Romania were so overrun that any analytic judgment must, for the time being, be suspended. Taking tactical risks, which Carling knows must be done, against South Africa is quite another matter from doing so against Romania.

In five months' time, England have to achieve the mentality that Cooke was always seeking — that England have international players who occasionally play club rugby, rather than vice versa. On Saturday, Guscott, excellent in spite of his long lay-off, Carling, occasionally electric, Andrew, Tony Underwood, Tim Rodber and Ben Clarke looked just that.

It was a happy moment when Rodber, trying to re-establish his reputation after his wretched experience on the summer tour, found his left arm long enough to stretch forward and drop the ball inches over the line for his try. The crowd was happy to see him succeed on this afternoon.

England chariot round first bend with relative ease



David Hands says a 54-3 victory still reveals the need for much fine tuning en route to the World Cup

GENTLY does it. The first step of what, ideally, will be a 12-rung ladder up to and including the rugby union World Cup final next June was safely negotiated by England at Twickenham on Saturday. The national side had scored more points only three times before. That alone was cause for pleasure and it showed in the public face of the team.

In private, which is how England have so far spent much of this season while training at Marlow, there will be greater concern: that England, utterly dominant in possession and territory, could score only — only? — six tries, one of them a penalty try, against a self-confessed third-division rugby country; that their forwards still put themselves out of the game by going so frequently to ground; that their concentration on the simple basics of giving and taking a pass remain patchy.

We are talking of the highest standards here, which is what England themselves demand and what the country has come to expect. There were, however, plenty of credits to emerge from this Save and Prosper international, won by six goals and four penalty goals to a penalty — not least that the expression of a dynamic, ball-in-hand philosophy earned more than 50 points, which will go far towards helping the players over any mental reservations they may still have.

Better still is the knowledge of the graded steps that await: Canada at home next month will be a stiffer test by far, to be followed by the biennial test of resolve in Dublin. By the time that France arrive at Twickenham in February, the England management should have a clear idea of what fruit their plans are bearing and whether the players are up to it. It could all have been planned.

"We played with great ambition, sometimes too great ambition, in difficult conditions and we made a number of errors," Jack Rowell, the England manager and coach, said, "but we got patterns on the game. We played dynamic rugby, forwards and backs linking together, once we got away from the set-pieces."

On a dank November afternoon, 52,000 spectators received more than they might have anticipated, even from the cluster of penalties with which Andrew began the game. Three of them — those who chose to jeer at the decision to kick at goal may not have noticed — were the direct result of adventurous, running rugby. It was good captaincy by Carling to go for goal during that initial settling-in period, when players are still finding their international feet and each other after a five-month interval.

England 60	(Sydney, 1987)	Japan 7
England 58	(Bucharest, 1989)	Romania 3
England 58	(Twickenham, 1989)	Fiji 23
England 54	(Twickenham, 1994)	Romania 3
England 51	(Twickenham, 1990)	Argentina 0

Moreover, while allowances have to be made for the lack of Romanian conditioning — hardly their fault in a country that has so little of what other international sportsmen take for granted — their tackling never faltered. It is a matter of personal inclination whether you criticise them for playing much of the game offside (the penalty count against them was 27-7). "It's like being submerged by a wave of white jerseys. You try and do something to stop it, but another wave comes and you are caught in the middle," Tiberiu Brinza, their captain.

Whether his players would have been even more completely washed away had England played a genuine wide game is food for thought. England picked a big back row and used it in a physical-contact sense, which does not always make for best use of the ball. Many of their set ploys revolve around bringing the Underwood brothers off the wing to play off Andrew, but much of the play drives down a midfield corridor.

That, of course, gives them options on both sides, but it also means that the back row does not have to cover vast acres of space. There is, then, no sense of going round the opposition, but, rather, of going through them and the future will not be so accommodating. England cannot expect a 71-7 return from ruck and maul every time they step on to a field and, well as Bayfield and Johnson played, a lineout advantage of 22-7 is also rather unreal.

Yet you can only beat the opposition on the day and Cojocariu, for example, is a player of great experience who disappeared in the shadow cast by Bayfield. Though smaller in stature, Andrew casts an even longer one: a great load has been placed on his 60-cap shoulders — fulcrum to the early-ball running philosophy and goalkicker — and his response was, as Rowell said, "majestic".

He missed only one of 11 kicks at goal, two of which were conversions of tries in the right-hand corner. It is one thing to kick when the result is not in doubt, another when all hangs in the balance, but Andrew's temperament is such that one has to believe that he can do it. "It's a big change for Rob," Rowell said. "Most of the ball goes into his hands and that's a big responsibility."

That Andrew received the ball 43 times and Ivanciuc — whose 49-metre penalty actually gave Romania the lead — only nine times indicates the poverty of possession for the inexperienced visitors. England had almost too many options and the speed with which they seek to play the game means that, sometimes, their decisions will be inaccurate. Yet the more they become accustomed to taking those decisions, the more frequently they should come up with the right answers.

A half-time lead of 26-3 included a well-taken try for Carling on his fiftieth appearance and the first of two by Tony Underwood, who may have concluded by the end that, if Cioca could not take his feet from under him, he might at least remove his head. As Romanian forwards came and went, battered by the sustained England assault, the deserving Rodber stretched over and Rory Underwood brought down the curtain on the afternoon with his 39th international try, which leaves him second in the all-time list behind David Campese.

And Guscott? Not quite there, after a year away. Not quite so much grace under pressure, but just the hint of latent menace. He might have had two tries, but was offside for the first and called back for a forward pass so marginal as to be imperceptible for the second. It is, nevertheless, good to have him back.

SCORERS: England: Tries: T Underwood (2), Carling, Rodber, R Underwood, penalty try. Conversions: Andrew (6). Penalty goals: Andrew (4). Romania: Penalty goal: Ivanciuc.

ENGLAND: P A Hull (Bristol/RAF), T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Orrell), J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), S O Ojomoh (Bath), B B Clarke (Bath).

ROMANIA: V Brici (Farul Constanta), G Solomie (Timisoara University), M Viorescu (Timisoara University), S Tofan (Dinamo Bucharest), R Gioca (Dinamo Bucharest), I Ivanciuc (CSM Suceava), D Neaga (Dinamo Bucharest), L Costea (Steaua Bucharest), I Negrea (CFR Constanta), G Vlad (Dinamo Bucharest), T Oroian (Steaua Bucharest), C Cojocariu (Bavonna), C Branescu (Farul Constanta), A Gealapu (Steaua Bucharest), T Brinza (Cluj University, captain). Oroian replaced by C Draguceanu (Steaua Bucharest, 51min); Costea replaced by F Maniora (Dinamo Bucharest, 53). Negrea replaced by C Gheorghe (Gmvta Bucharest, 70).

Referee: S Neethling (South Africa).

IAN STEWART


Rodber is held up just short of the line by the Romanian defence during England's first international of the season at Twickenham

Too little room, too much view

Stuart Jones finds England's overwhelming victory too distant to enjoy from his eyrie at the back of Twickenham's towering stands

The gateman gestured towards the mountain of concrete rising vertically above. "The North Stand is through there," he pronounced. "On the other side of the ground." He was also pointing in the direction of the policeman who had given the location of the ticket collection point.

Circumventing Twickenham in the drizzle was not the ideal start to the opening rugby union international of the season, but the round trip was more fruitful than the experience suffered by the inadequate Romanians. They travelled across it all afternoon and got nowhere.

From a perch so high that oxygen tanks might have been on offer on the vertiginous staircases along with the pizzas, the hamburgers and the baguettes, that much was plainly visible. Little else was. The point of view, from row 66 in the second tier, was so distant that all detail was lost.

The sense of peering through the wrong end of a telescope was enhanced by the severe imbalance of the match. The nearest line, defended by the Romanians in the first half, was 100 yards away. Initially, England, building a foundation with such careful deliberation, seldom approached it.

By the time Andrew stepped forward to prepare for his third penalty, when it was blindingly apparent that England were vastly superior, the decision was accompanied by a collective groan. Not for more than half an hour did his kicking duties feature the attempted conversion of a try.

The Romanians had demonstrated deceptive solidarity before the kick-off. During a national anthem notable for its protracted dreariness, seven members of the pack huddled together with their arms linked.

By the second half, their resistance had been replaced by fatigue and England, discarding caution, were throwing the ball around with comparatively carefree abandon — and also dropping it with tiresome regularity. But they were running away from those in the North Stand.

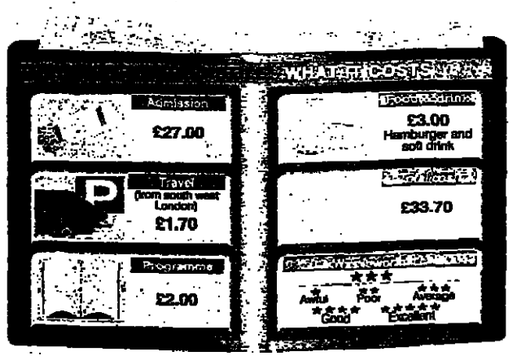
As the light faded, even though England were attired in white, they became dull and ghostly figures. The tries, scored 200 yards away, were not so much seen as heard, the roar from the South travelling as a reliable indication that the distant line had indeed been crossed.

The rout, predicted beforehand and predictable from the early stages, was far from a rousing spectacle. Not until after the interval did the familiar strains of "Swing low, sweet chariot" sweep like the rain across the whole ground.

The view was unobscured but, at a cost of £27 a ticket, a spectator is surely entitled to more than a vague impression — other than on the kneecaps. Only by sitting diagonally was there enough leg room to avoid the cutting edge of the seat in row 65.

The camaraderie, filling the elongated gaps in between play and relieving the boredom, was a compensating factor. So was the ease with which refreshments, available in the expansive if stark concourses, could be acquired.

When the West Stand is completed and floodlights are installed, Twickenham will be an impressive arena. Yet, for those seated higher than the first tier, there will still linger the feeling that they are in a crow's nest, too far from the action.



Seeking the next level



Rob Andrew, England's stand-off half, reports that poor opposition clouded a promising performance

Whatever anyone says about England's performance at Twickenham on Saturday, Romania were one of the poorest international sides I have played against. They were a great disappointment and we had expected much more of a challenge from them, particularly up front. We felt they might threaten us in the lineout and would be a solid unit. In the event, although they did scrummage reasonably effectively and defended and tackled quite well, they offered little threat. It was as well that they did tackle and also that it was wet, because had it been a fine, dry day, we would have run up a cricket score to embarrass them still further.

I cannot understand why the Romanians broke up the pack of forwards that had given Wales so much trouble in Bucharest. For some reason, they regarded this visit as an opportunity for experiment, but unless they go back to some of those experienced, tough players, they are going to have an awful time in the World Cup next year.

It is to be hoped that Saturday was not an early example of games we will see at the World Cup. It will be disappointing if there are too many one-sided affairs. If the game is to grow worldwide and become stronger in all countries, one-sided matches such as Saturday's are of no use.

However, having said that, I feel that, in the overall scheme of things, the Romania match was not such a bad introduction for England into this World Cup season. When you are developing a style and have many things you are working on, any opposition can be useful. All the training sessions in the world cannot substitute for a proper match. We know that Canada will be different in a few weeks' time and the kind of test they present will be ideal for us as we look to find the next level of performance.

Some good things came out of the Romania game. Our performance has given us something to build on. The worst thing that could have happened was that we learned absolutely nothing from a non-event of a match that finished something like 18-6 to us. Plainly, that did not happen.

On the positive side, there was some good handling and running, despite the difficult conditions, but we can improve on the link and balance between forwards and backs. Perhaps we overdid the use of the ball being popped up for a forward to take on, but at least we were trying different things.

Players were hungry for the ball and to attempt things. Maybe we were a little over-ambitious at times, but that is no bad fault. We can always rein in those things a little, but the intention was clearly there to expand our game and move the ball.

All the forwards were looking more comfortable with the ball in their hands and that can only be good. I believe this new style suits the individual abilities in the team. It is a mobile pack of forwards, with guys who are able to take on opponents and beat them.

Saturday was no more than a start and there is a lot of work still to do, but, in small ways, it did show that we are adapting to the new style and the future is promising. We eagerly await the challenge of Canada.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

Scully given chance to lead North

DAVID Scully, the Wakefield scrum half, who this season turned down an invitation to appear for the Irish Exiles, will lead the North in their opening CIS divisional championship match against the Midlands at Otley on Saturday (David Hands writes).

His team includes five Sale forwards, including the Smith twins, Andrew and Paul, at prop.

NORTH: W Greenwood (Harlequins), J Sleightholme (Bath), P Johnson (Orrell), S Ravenscroft (Saracens), A Healey (Orrell), P Grayson (Northampton), D Scully (Wakefield, captain), P Smith (Sale), S Mitchell (West Hartlepool), A Smith (Sale), C Vyvyan (Sale), D Baldwin (Sale), J Fowler (Sale), P Manley (Orrell), M Watson (West Hartlepool).

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Changing tastes may prompt sponsor to call time on Mackeson Gold Cup

Bradbury Star rallies to Hide's call

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent


ED BYRNE

Hide urges Bradbury Star, nearside, to a thrilling victory over Second Schedual in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham

THE Mackeson Gold Cup, won in thrilling style by Bradbury Star at Cheltenham on Saturday, may have been run for the last time under its present banner. Whitbread, sponsor of the prestigious chase, is giving serious consideration to changing the name of the race to fit in with one of its better-known products.

When the race sponsorship began 35 years ago, Mackeson was a popular drink but the appeal of sweet stout has declined noticeably in recent years in contrast to other Whitbread brands. Sir Michael Angus, chairman of Whitbread, was at Cheltenham on Saturday and although he is not involved with the details of company sponsorship, he said yesterday: "I am sure that is the sort of thinking process going on as Mackeson is not the brand that it was. We have another stout, Murphy's, which appears to be more popular."

Edward Gillespie, managing director of Cheltenham, said Whitbread had agreed in principle to be sponsors in 1995 and 1996 although precise terms were still to be agreed and "there may be some changes". Whitbread's sponsorship portfolio had widened considerably in recent years with round-the-world yachting and literary events joining racing. "They have assured us this is very much part of their sponsorship mix but they are reviewing branding and the way they project Whitbread names through that sponsorship," he added.

Whitbread sponsored every race on the card for the first time on Saturday with particular emphasis on Murphy's and Flowers, Whitbread's Cheltenham-based brewery, whose products include a new beer called Fuggles Chocolate Mild. Gillespie said Whitbread had been conscious for some time that Mackeson's continued link with the feature race meant they were projecting a brand which was not the most popular.

Whatever the outcome, the Mackeson on Saturday will be remembered as a classic after Bradbury Star prevailed by inches to beat Second Schedual following a titanic head-to-head battle up Cheltenham's famous hill. The tears that rolled down the ruddy face of Josh Gifford as the trainer followed his courageous chaser into the winner's enclosure epitomised a day of high drama and emotion.

There was Declan Murphy, who against all the odds survived an horrific fall at Haydock, receiving a big cheer as he held the Mackeson Gold Cup high above his head. Twelve months earlier he had triumphed in the Mackeson on Bradbury Star, albeit in a daze following an earlier fall.

This time he provided advice and support to his replacement, Philip Hide, whose blue-eyed innocence cannot mask a shrewd racing brain. Son of Tony Hide and nephew of Edward Hide, he is bred to be a jockey. His coolness in the big race won him the Mackeson Meeting Award for the outstanding riding performance — judged by Murphy.

Bradbury Star's next race will be the King George VI Chase, in which he was just pipped by Barton Bank last year, before being aimed at the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Gifford's only concern is the chaser's inexplicable loss of form in the weeks before the Gold Cup last season and the previous year.

While the pulsating climax to the Mackeson was the icing on the cake, the supporting races provided significant pointers for the future. The runaway victory of Atours in what had looked like a highly competitive Murphy's Handicap Hurdle was breathtaking and David Elsworth's vastly improved hurdler now looks a "certainty" for the William Hill Hurdle at Sandown on December 3, when the gelding is set to carry 10st 2lb. More significantly, the six-year-old is as low as 16-1 for the Champion Hurdle.

Elsworth was probably more than hopeful of completing a double with Absalom's Lady in the Flowers IPA November Novices' Chase, but the drums had been advertising the talents of Martin's Lamp all week and David Nicholson's exciting recruit followed up last year's stable success by the ill-fated Baydon Star.

The winner, formerly with Gifford, is highly regarded and will now go for the Henry VIII Chase at Sandown next month, also won last year by Baydon Star. Nicholson's horses are flying at the moment, but the inevitable ups and downs of jump racing saw King Of The Lot put down after fracturing a pastern during the Mackeson, while the promising Winter Squall suffered a hairline fracture of a tibia on Saturday. "He's alive and well but will not race for at least two months," Nicholson said.

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Quantity must bow to quality in jockeys' titles

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

With seven months of the National Hunt season remaining, the intensity with which Richard Dunwoody and Adrian Maguire are contesting the jockeys' championship is burning too fiercely to be ignored. The time has arrived to redefine the terms by which such titles are decided.

Those who mock the suggestion should consider the events of the past week. It saw Maguire, a hugely competitive character, attempting to defy the healing process by riding at Newbury less than 48 hours after he was trampled at Carlisle on Monday. Maguire accepted the inevitable after the first of his five intended mounts. He stood down not just for the rest of the day, but from a further five rides at Towcester the following afternoon.

It was the proper course of action, given his physical state. Yet that fact alone does not take into account the hordes of punters who support all of Maguire's mounts, irrespective of their chance. There were nine such instances over the two days, and although this consideration will assume a low priority in the jockey's mind, it nevertheless adds substance to the case for change.

Factors other than the jockeys' championship will have influenced Maguire's premature return. He will have been keen to further his knowledge of the many promising horses in the stable of his employer, David Nicholson, and an acute boredom envelops jockeys when they are detained from the cut and thrust of the racecourse.

Witness Declan Murphy, now mercifully restored to his full senses after that horrific fall at Haydock six months ago, who displays a passion to return incomprehensible to all but his weighing-room colleagues. If, as he insists is possible, he is on Bradbury Star in the King George VI Chase on Boxing day, Murphy will be the individual least concerned for his own well-being.

However, thoughts of championships are never far from the mind of our best jockeys. Both Dunwoody and Maguire publicly refuse to entertain the prospect at this early stage, yet each is aware of the huge advantage in "getting first run". Tennis "burn-out" remains foreign to racing because there has always been a close season. Like the tennis circuit, however, the seasons of Flat and National Hunt racing are now continuous entities in which only those prepared to ride six days a week, 52 weeks a year, can seriously entertain championship ambitions.

The pressures on top jockeys are great enough without them having to contend with unnecessary burdens. A simple solution is to determine the champion jockey by his prize-money earnings, rather than by volume of his winning mounts. Champions should be identified by their prowess in championship events.

Such events are the most valuable, and therefore offer a suitable platform for our best jockeys. But the greatest asset of such a change is that jockeys would not feel compelled to return prematurely from injury for a handful of unimportant rides where there is relatively little at stake. It would remove the element of frenzy occupying their minds.

Magna Carta seals Weaver's 200

By Richard Evans

JASON Weaver helped to create racing history at Wolverhampton on Saturday night when the aptly named Magna Carta became his 200th winner of the season. His achievement means 1994 is the first year that two jockeys have reached a double century. Frankie Dettori reached the landmark at York earlier in the autumn.

Weaver, who joins Fred Archer, Tommy Loates, Gordon Richards, Pat Eddery, Michael Roberts and Dettori as members of the exclusive club, said: "It's a dream come true. An eternal optimist would not have dreamt I would have done it. Riding 200 winners means so much. Firstly, because so few jockeys have done it and, secondly, because it is the first time two have done it in the same year — and the other is my great buddy, Frankie."

Weaver has had a long season "but as soon as the 200 mark was in sight I got a second wind". He rode in Rome yesterday, is due at Southwell on Wednesday before flying to France on Friday and back to Rome next weekend. He will then take a well deserved break, spending ten days with his sister in Los Angeles before relaxing in the Bahamas.

However, he is already thinking about next season and setting himself new targets — including going one better and winning the jockeys' championship. He will resume race riding on the first day of the new season at Southwell on January 2.

The highlights of his year included the 2,000 Guineas victory of Mister Baileys and turning for home in the Derby where he poached a lead on the same horse. "I have been very lucky with top trainers giving me a chance and I am particularly thankful to Mark Johnston."

Next season will see Weaver, 22, ride for trainers including David Loder, Luca Cumani, John Dunlop and Roger Charlton.

Dean McKeown is likely to miss the rest of the season as a result of his fall at Lingfield on Friday. The jockey was thrown from Letsbeonestaboutit in an incident which resulted in jockey Stephen Davies being referred to the Jockey Club.

The fall left McKeown with concussion, a broken right wrist and muscle damage to his right shoulder. He was discharged from hospital in Redhill, Surrey, on Saturday.

McKeown's wife, Catherine, said yesterday: "There is no skull fracture but Dean is very sore. Without taking account of his other injuries, he will automatically be out for three weeks because of the concussion, which alone takes us into December."

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	124	111	107	2	-271.03
M Johnston	115	92	84	4	-47.63
R Hannon	111	124	125	17	-387.25
M Stoute	109	76	83	1	-66.50
J Gosden	95	99	65	15	-75.13
Mrs M Reveley	84	73	67	1	-48.93
J Dunlop	82	76	57	6	-78.56
H Cecil	76	54	41	17	-28.92
M Channon	73	57	63	36	-185.38
P Cole	68	50	71	12	-147.43
M Prescott	55	30	25	4	+7.21

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	233	243	164	5	[illegible]
J Weaver	200	151	127	3	+170.12
Pat Eddery	154	110	73	0	[illegible]
K Darley	154	125	116	1	[illegible]
T Quinn	112	119	120	19	[illegible]
J Reid	98	67	75	11	[illegible]
M Hills	98	79	66	0	[illegible]
W Carson	89	93	86	4	[illegible]
Paul Eddery	63	55	79	32	[illegible]
J Carroll	62	49	71	0	[illegible]
M Roberts	61	71	75	5	[illegible]

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
P Hobbs	32	30	17	1	[illegible]
Mrs M Reveley	31	17	14	2	0.73
J White	31	25	12	5	[illegible]
M Pipe	30	17	13	[illegible]	-14.23
N Twiston-Davies	27	24	15	1	-5.59
K Bailey	25	42	9	2	-53.51
G Richards	17	12	11	1	-19.91
D Nicholson	16	7	10	1	-34.54
J J O'Neill	15	11	8	1	+14.32
G Balding	14	12	9	5	-5.09
Mrs J Pitman	13	5	6	10	+12.43

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	59	38	35	3	-44.93
A Maguire	56	75	31	1	-59.55
N Williamson	42	35	27	4	+49.45
P Niven	30	12	19	10	-29.99
J Osborne	26	15	21	0	-32.23
C Llewellyn	25	24	19	3	-14.75
M Dwyer	25	26	17	1	-17.96
D Bridgwater	25	13	18	1	-4.60
[illegible]	23	29	9	6	-26.07
[illegible]	23	19	16	0	-10.92

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102 5P0- DJEBEL PRINCE 56F (G,S) C Egerton 7-11-5 ... J Osborne —
103 2U4- HANDSOME NED 182 (G,S) D Grissell 8-11-5 ... Peter Hobbs 92
104 4P54 JIMMY THE JACKDAW 9 (V) P Butler 7-11-5 ... F Leahy (5) 77
105 C2- MUSIC BOX 417 (G,S) R Hodges 8-11-5 ... A Tory 89
106 030- PRESENT TIMES 232 (F,G,S) A Taylor 8-11-5 ... D Gallagher —
107 0-F2 NO DEBT 11 S Mellor 6-11-0 ... B Powell 99
108 P23- QUEEN'S CURATE 219 Mrs E Scott 7-11-0 ... C Maude 72

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203 514- TENDRESSE 25F (D,F) R Hodges 6-11-11 ... J Harris (7) 96
204 30-0 MY SENOR 14 (S) V Westgarth 5-11-10 ... P Hide 25
205 01P- CHEVELEY DANCER 531 (S) D Wilson 6-11-6 ... R Davis —
206 3-50 PHROSE 18 C Weedon 4-11-6 ... B Burns (7) 92
207 500- ALICE'S MIRROR 198 (CD,G,S) T McGovern 5-11-5 F Leahy 99
208 6-P3 WEST END 20 A C M Turner 4-10-10 ... T Murphy (5) 95
209 F-5P DIDDLEY 6 F Hawking 5-10-0 ... J Fordham (7) —

5-4 Rowlandsons Gold, 3-1 Tendresse, 5-1 West End, 6-1 Ready To Draw, 7-1 Phrose, 8-1 Alice's Mirror, 10-1 My Senor, 12-1 others.

2.30 GEORGE RIPLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,846: 2m) (6)

301 510- BEACH BUM 235 (G) Mrs J Young 8-11-10 ... G Upton 96
302 6-F6 COTAPAXI 14 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 9-11-3 Miss S Mitchell (7) 95
303 24-U SOLEIL DANCER 14 (BF,D,S) D Grissell 6-11-3 ... J Railton 96
304 36-6 EVENING RAIN 13 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 8-11-6 ... A Tory —
305 1-41 RUSTIC GENT 14 (V,CD,F,S) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-13 ... Mr B Pollock (7) 99
306 354P GREENHEART 19 (D,F,G) R Dean 11-10-10 ... A Procter (3) 98

7-4 Rustic Gent, 7-2 Beach Bum, 9-2 Cotapaxi, 5-1 Soleil Dancer, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 10 winners from 22 runners, 45.5%; J King, 4 from 11, 36.4%; J White, 41 from 130, 31.5%; R Alner, 5 from 18, 27.8%; R O'Sullivan, 8 from 38, 21.1%; R Hodges, 10 from 57, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: R Farrant, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; J Osborne, 10 from 46, 21.7%; L Harvey, 5 from 30, 16.7%; P Holley, 3 from 18, 16.7%; D Skyrme, 9 from 55, 16.4%; Peter Hobbs, 7 from 43, 16.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Leicester: 2.15 Buddy Holly. Plumpton: 1.30 Jimmy The Jackdaw, 3.30 Lowlands.

3.00 KINGS ARMS BILLINGSHURST NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,[illegible]: 2m 1f) (12)

401 1 CASUAL WATER [illegible] ... J Railton 90
402 3 DOCTOR DEATH 15 [illegible] ... N Williamson 78
403 JUST A BEAU [illegible] ... Mr B Pollock (7) —
404 [illegible] [illegible] ... D Gallagher —
405 45 LUNAR MISSION 19 [illegible] ... T Kent 99
406 FP FOREST SILK [illegible] ... P Holley —
407 [illegible] ... R Davis —
408 LORADOR [illegible] ... D Morris —
409 OGS DESIRE [illegible] ... F Leahy (5) —
410 P PITTENWEEM [illegible] ... J R Kavanagh —
411 REGINA [illegible] ... Leesa Long —
412 05 SWEET CAROLINE [illegible] ... N Mann 79

2-1 Casual Water, 9-4 Lunar Mission, 5-1 Doctor Death, 10-1 others.

3.30 SIR EMILE LITTLER CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,319: 3m 1f 110yd) (11)

501 22- GINGER TRISTAN [illegible] ... Peter Hobbs 92
502 P-U5 SHASTON [illegible] ... P Holley 98
503 12P- ROSITARY [illegible] ... J Osborne 89
504 0-44 SUNBEAM TALBOT [illegible] ... L Harvey 99
505 [illegible] SEASAMACAMILE [illegible] ... B Powell 82
506 1P-6 TURPIN'S GREEN [illegible] ... N Williamson —
507 2-P6 JOE SHAW [illegible] ... A Procter (3) 90
508 P6-3 BE SURPRISED [illegible] ... D Gallagher —
509 P-4 LOWLANDS [illegible] ... A McCabe (5) 94
510 43P EXPRESS TRAVEL [illegible] ... D Morris 36
511 4-0 IT'S A SNIP [illegible] ... R Bellamy —

[illegible]

4.00 JEVINGTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,622: 2m 4f) (8)

501 21- IVY EDITH [illegible] ... D O'Sullivan 99
502 ARCTIC CHILL [illegible] ... J Osborne —
503 CUBALC [illegible] ... J Railton —
504 00-6 JASON'S BOY [illegible] ... Mr R Johnson (7) —
505 4 MALWOOD CASTLE [illegible] ... S Earle 73
506 PATHOCRAFT [illegible] ... F Leahy (5) —
507 P0U- ALLEGAN'S TEAM [illegible] ... D Skyrme —
508 U-50 ROMANY BLUES [illegible] ... L Harvey 78

4-5 Ivy Edith, [illegible]

One Man impresses

ONE Man is 4-1 favourite, from 10-1, with William Hill for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday week after an impressive comeback win at Ayr on Saturday. Beaten only once in six previous outings over fences, the Gordon Richards-trained gelding made most under Tony Dobbin.

☐ Merry Gale, sent off the 9-2 on favourite, fell at the third last when in command in the Commology Chase at Leopardstown yesterday.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

12.45 Edelweiss
1.15 Skelton Princess
1.45 Mole Board
2.15 Do Be Brief
2.45 Black Church
3.15 Punters Overhead
3.45 Fox Chapel

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
3.15 SMART ROOKIE.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

12.45 DESBOROUGH MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,008: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 43/533P- PLACE STEPHANIE 278 (S) (Mrs A Pratt) R Rowe 6-12-0 ... D Carson (7) 92
2 006-1 ZAAHEYAH 17 (S) (The Zed Team) M Hammond 4-11-9 ... S Lyons (3) 84
3 50323-4 POLLY MINOR 19 (The Witch Racing Club II) G Enright 7-11-5 ... A P McCoy (5) 95
4 35-5032 EDELWEISS 12 (F) (J Ennis) M Pipe 7-11-3 ... R Dunwoody 92
5 54423/0- APSIMORE 340 (J Tuck) J Tuck 7-11-0 ... S McNeill —
6 0/00-3U4 MARSDEN ROCK 7 (N Mason) N Mason 7-10-12 ... J Supple (5) 94
7 0050- HATAAL 25F (B) (D & C Clapham) J Spearing 5-10-6 ... D Bridgwater —
8 UF0-06 RUMPUS 12 (Cherry Tree Racing Club) C Broad 4-10-5 ... W Marston 81
9 065P6- AUSTRAL JANE 187 (Mrs M Wilson) G Thorner 4-10-3 ... Pat Thompson (7) 99
10 0004- TITAN EMPRESS 237 (T Syder) S Mellor 5-10-2 ... M Perrett 91
11 0SP-P RAISIN TURF 16 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-10-0 ... A Maguire 84
12 26263/0 WINTER LIGHTNING 23 (M Nelmes-Crocker) Mrs H Parrott 5-10-0 ... P McDermott —
13 3P000P- MAKING TIME 185 (Mrs T Curtis) Miss H Knight 7-10-0 ... R Farrant 98

Long handicap: Winter Lightning 9-7, Making Time 9-6

BETTING: 3-1 Edelweiss, 7-2 Zaaheyah, 5-1 Marsden Rock, 7-1 Polly Minor, 8-1 Rumpus, 12-1 Titan Empress, 14-1 others.

1993: KYTTON CASTLE 6-11-3 D Meredith (11-4) R Dickin 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PLACE STEPHANIE best effort last term when 11½l 3rd of 22 to Top Brass in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft). ZAAHEYAH beat Eastern Magic 20l in 15-runner conditional jockeys selling hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft). POLLY MINOR 20l 4th of 16 to Chief's Song in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good). EDELWEISS 11l 2nd of 9 to Addington Boy in novice handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). APSIMORE best effort last term when 4l 2nd of 11 to Paddysway in novice handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good to firm). MARSDEN ROCK best effort when 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Brier's Delight in conditional jockeys novice handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good). RUMPUS 22½l 6th of 11 to Sylvan Sabre in novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good).
Selection: ZAAHEYAH

1.15 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (£1,960: 2m) (12 runners)

1 0 PONTABULA 19 (H Manners) H Manners 4-11-9 ... M Appleby (7) —
2 F WADADA 10 (A Bird) S Campion 3-10-7 ... A S Smith —
3 005 A SUITABLE GIRL 13 (D Williams) D Williams 3-10-2 ... M A Fitzgerald 89
4 BERNIE'S SISTER 42F (J Lewis) C Allen 3-10-2 ... D Bridgwater —
5 4 CA IRA 33 (J Puccell) R Emery 3-10-2 ... P Ward (7) 72
6 202 DAME PROSPECT 10 (V) (Claremont Services) J Glover 3-10-2 ... S McNeill 99
7 5 FIRST IN THE FIELD 54 (N Mason) N Mason 3-10-2 ... J Supple (5) 87
8 6 KIRSTYS LARK 33 (D Wheatley) J Pickering 3-10-2 ... W Worthington —
9 2P04 PETITE BIJOU 13 (Ms T Hartnell) R Brotherton 3-10-2 ... R Dunwoody 91
10 3 SKELTON PRINCESS 33 (G Bailey) R Hollinshead 3-10-2 ... S Wynne (3) 72
11 0 SUZY LLOYD 10 (Mrs M R Cunning) J Dooler 3-10-2 ... P Midgley (3) —
12 P TRECENTO 17 (F Dickinson) J Mackie 3-10-2 ... T Eley (3) —

BETTING: 6-4 Dame Prospect, 9-2 Petite Bijou, 5-1 A Suitable Girl, 6-1 First In The Field, 10-1 Skelton Princess, 12-1 Ca Ira, 14-1 Bernie's Sister, 20-1 others.

1993: MY BALLYBOY 3-10-7 N Mann (5-1) A Bailey 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PONTABULA 34l 20th of 25 to Marsheus in National Hunt flat race at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm). DAME PROSPECT 2½l 2nd of 15 to Durham in selling hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good) with SUZY LLOYD (5lb better off) 100¼l 10th and WADADA (2lb worse off) fell. FIRST IN THE FIELD 24½l 5th of 7 to Doon Ridge in novice hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good). PETITE BIJOU 8l 4th of 11 to Nordic Crown in selling novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good) with SUITABLE GIRL 2l 5th. SKELTON PRINCESS short-head and 14l 3rd of 8 to Window Display in selling novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm) with CA IRA HEAD 4th and KIRSTYS LARK about 6l 6th.
Selection: DAME PROSPECT

1.45 THORPE SATCHVILLE HURDLE (£5,075: 2m) (3 runners)

1 30235-2 ROYAL DERBI 16 (D,F,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 9-11-12 ... M Perrett 85
2 1 3342- MOLE BOARD 219 (D,F,G,S) (W Stuff) J Old 12-11-7 ... T Grantham 99
3 6341-52 VASILIEV 10 (B,D,F,S) (R Houlton) S Collings 6-10-12 ... R Dunwoody 81

BETTING: Evens Mole Board, 6-4 Royal Derbi, 5-2 Vasiliev.

1993: CULTURED 4-11-3 D Murphy (9-2) J White 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL DERBI 4l 2nd of 4 to Atours in handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to firm) on reappearance. Best effort last season when 11l 3rd of 11 to For Reg in handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, heavy). MOLE BOARD 8l 3rd of 9 to Danoli in grade I Martell Hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, heavy). VASILIEV 4l 2nd of 9 to Zamra in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good).
Selection: MOLE BOARD

2.15 MIDLAND HANDICAP CHASE (£3,080: 3m) (7 runners)

1 2/13115- DO BE BRIEF 317 (B,D,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 9-12-0 ... W Marston 93
2 P30/11F- TORT 345 (CD,G,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 10-11-3 ... A P McCoy (5) 99
3 3UP1F-3 MELEAGRIS 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) (D Jackson) D Nicholson 10-11-1 ... A Maguire 94
4 124/PP-F MR SETASIDE 11 (CD,S) (F Dickinson) J Mackie 9-10-8 ... R Supple —
5 12P-030 BUDDY HOLLY 16 (B,D,F,G) (B Lake) J Old 9-10-6 ... T Grantham 91
6 24/53/1- JOHNNY'S SLIPPER 247 (D,F,S) (N Mason) N Mason 9-10-4 ... J Callaghan 96
7 U3F000- BERESFORDS GIRL 201 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Speakman) P Murphy 9-10-0 ... E Murphy 96

Long handicap: Beresfords Girl 9-10.

BETTING: 6-4 Meleagris, 2-1 Do Be Brief, 9-2 Tort, 7-1 Johnny's Slipper, 14-1 Buddy Holly, 20-1 Mr Setaside, 25-1 Beresfords Girl.

1993: TORT 9-10-11 W Marston (11-8 fav) P Dalton 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DO BE BRIEF beat Cythere ¾l in 7-runner handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, heavy) on penultimate start. TORT beat Catch The Cross 8l in 4-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start. MELEAGRIS 2¾l 3rd of 10 to Celtic Prince in handicap chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, good). BUDDY HOLLY 12l 3rd of 10 to Naughty Nicky in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good) on penultimate start. JOHNNY'S SLIPPER beat Trusty Royal 1½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Ayr (3m 1f, soft).
Selection: DO BE BRIEF (nap)

2.45 LEICESTER NOVICES CHASE (£2,474: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1 10/6P-R1 HURDY 7 (F,G) (Mrs S Braxell) Mrs S Braxell 7-11-4 ... J Burke (3) 97
2 5P25B-5 BLACK CHURCH 16 (B Alexander) R Rowe 8-10-12 ... R Dunwoody 99
3 33/P3-FF CHEEKA 6 (D Thompson) C Smith 5-10-12 ... M Ranger —
4 20- GARRISON COMMANDER 215 (R Ogden) A Turnell 5-10-12 ... S McNeill —
5 F-5F JOHN ROGER 16 (H Manners) H Manners 8-10-12 ... A Thornton 84
6 2/04F-3 MAGELLAN BAY 12 (Autofour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-12 ... W Marston 95
7 P4P32-R RIDAKA 12 (A Wiseman) J Mackie 7-10-12 ... T Eley (3) 88

BETTING: 2-1 Hurdy, 3-1 Black Church, 4-1 Ridaka, Magellan Bay, 8-1 Garrison Commander, 12-1 Cheeka, 14-1 John Roger.

1993: WHAT'S IN ORBIT 8-10-12 G Bradley (8-11 fav) P Nicholls 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

HURDY beat Swift Carriage 10l in 5-runner novice chase at Carlisle (2m, good). BLACK CHURCH about 11l 5th of 14 to Strath Royal in novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good) with JOHN ROGER (1lb better off) fell. GARRISON COMMANDER 10l 2nd of 9 to Annie Kelly in novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft) with MAGELLAN BAY fell. JOHN ROGER 35l 5th of 6 to Sharaid to novice chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good to firm). MAGELLAN BAY 4l and head 3rd of 7 to Petmer in novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m, good). RIDAKA 8l 2nd of 5 to Gallateen in novice chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd) on penultimate start.
Selection: HURDY

3.15 STOUGHTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,105: 2m) (11 runners)

1 4 BILLY BRIGHTON 10 (P Rawson) B Rothwell 4-10-12 ... R Supple —
2 0-4P BUCKLEY'S COURT 11 (Court Jesters Partnership) A Turnell 5-10-12 S McNeill 72
3 0 EYRE POINT 24 (Malcom Plc) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12 ... W Marston —
4 05-2 JAPACADA 11 (Mrs M Mollen) S Mellor 4-10-12 ... A Thornton 91
5 350052/ KATIE'S JOKER 534 (J Russell) D O'Neill 8-10-12 ... G Bradley —
6 00- KING FOWLER 179 (A Williams) C Broad 4-10-12 ... N Collum (7) —
7 1200- LEAD VOCALIST 243 (S) (A Pratt) R Rowe 5-10-12 ... M Perrett —
8 10-2 PUNTERS OVERHEAD 19 (BF,S) (J Hutchison) M Pipe 6-10-12 ... R Dunwoody 92
9 4P00- SABBAQ 219 (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-12 ... S Curran (6) —
10 312-3 SMART ROOKIE 12 (BF,G) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 4-10-12 ... A Maguire 99
11 0- ZUB ZUB 319 (D Lowe) J Pickering 7-10-7 ... T Eley (3) —

BETTING: 9-4 Japacada, 11-4 Punters Overhead, 4-1 Smart Rookie, 6-1 Buckley's Court, 8-1 Lead Vocalist, 16-1 Katie's Joker, 20-1 others.

1993: MR WOODLARK 8-10-10 J Frost (7-1) R Frost 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BILLY BRIGHTON 17½l 4th of 15 to Sigma Run in National Hunt Flat race at Market Rasen (1m 5f 110yd, good). BUCKLEY'S COURT 27½l 4th of 12 to House Captain in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 2f, good) on penultimate start. JAPACADA 2½l 2nd of 15 to Severn Gale in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft). KATIE'S JOKER 2l 2nd of 6 to Precipice Run in novice hurdle at Cartmel (2m 1f 110yd, good). PUNTERS OVERHEAD 15l 2nd of 13 to Solo Gent in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). SMART ROOKIE 2l 3rd of 13 to Express Gift in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, good).
Selection: PUNTERS OVERHEAD

3.45 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,054: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 20/1P- WORLD WITHOUT END 265 (S) (B S Ltd) W Clay 5-12-0 ... Diane Clay 89
2 423130- ISLAND JEWEL 244 (S) (M Cartwright) J Bosley 6-11-9 ... M Bosley 90
3 61/5P- ROVULENKA 315 (C,S) (Mrs L Sewell) M Pipe 6-11-6 ... M Bosley —
4 143P2F- MR PICKPOCKET 215 (C,S) (J Holmes) J Akehurst 6-11-6 ... R Dunwoody —
5 24/0461- VISCOUNT TULLY 222 (S) (D Craddock) C Jackson 9-11-1 ... G Bradley 90
6 001/140- FROMTHEGETGO 320 (F,G) (N Mason) N Mason 5-10-12 ... W Humphreys 94
7 2-34U40 GALLANT EFFORT 18 (D,G,S) (T Reed) S Dow 6-10-11 ... Miss Y Beckingham 97
8 4356-03 FOX CHAPEL 12 (D,G,S) (B Hine) R Juckes 7-10-6 ... A Dicken 95
9 F2/233-2 MR FLUTTS 66 (D,F) (J Tuck) J Tuck 8-10-6 ... G Tormey (7) 88

BETTING: 3-1 Viscount Tully, 4-1 Fox Chapel, 5-1 World Without End, 6-1 Island Jewel, 7-1 Mr Pickpocket, 8-1 Rovulenka, Mr Flutts, 10-1 others.

1993: DARK HONEY 8-10-11 A Dicken (3-1) S Dow 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

WORLD WITHOUT END beat Not The Half short-head in 14-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. ISLAND JEWEL 5¾l 3rd of 10 to Jabogo in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy) on penultimate start. MR PICKPOCKET neck 2nd of 8 to Green Island in handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good to soft). VISCOUNT TULLY beat Touch Of Winter 8l in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). FROMTHEGETGO best recent effort when beating Driving Force 3½l in 18-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm). FOX CHAPEL 7¼l 3rd of 8 to Kabayil in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, good).
Selection: FOX CHAPEL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Dow	3	5	60.0	R Supple	4	24	16.7
M Pipe	23	66	34.8	R Dunwoody	10	61	16.4
Mrs S Braxell	3	12	25.0	W Marston	4	26	15.4
Mrs J Pitman	12	54	22.2	A Maguire	5	33	15.2
D Nicholson	8	36	22.2	M A Fitzgerald	3	20	15.0
J Old	4	20	20.0	D Bridgwater	4	28	14.3

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Jane Leigh on a challenging down-river race where club paddlers can take on internationals

Whitewater terror with the Exe factor

SPORT FOR ALL


DAVID GREEN

Exe Descent day: "When the water's high it's the most exciting race of the year, and one of the most dangerous; when it's low it can be the toughest — a long, long way to the finish."

It is the third Sunday in November, a time when the most energetic weekend activity for many people will be curling up in front of the fire. But down in Devon the river bank's buzzing, for November 20 is Exe Descent day, when almost 700 canoeists take to the river Exe for the annual down-river race from Tiverton to Exeter. It is one of the most challenging whitewater contests in the British calendar.

Stretching before them is a 19-mile course with 10 weirs and several stretches of rapids, which after the recent rains are likely to be foaming with hazards.

Sean Morley, a British international, reckons the variable level of the water contributes to the appeal of the race, with high and low years posing different challenges. "When it's high it's the most exciting race of the year, and one of the most dangerous; when it's low it can be one of the toughest — a long, long way to the finish.

"The last three weirs are the hardest because of their size and shape — ferocious stoppers build up on all three — and they're the real crunch, as paddlers are often tired on the last leg of the race. You need a high degree of endurance."

The event, organised by Exeter Canoe Club, was first run in 1968, when it attracted 30 local canoeists. Today the race attracts 600-plus competitors, and the list of winners features famous names from marathon and sprint canoeing. But the race doesn't just cater for top paddlers. Eric Lodge, Exeter CC chairman, points out that the Descent poses a challenge any canoeist can enjoy. "It's one of the few events where you get the broad spectrum of canoeing craft — there are classes for open Canadians, whitewater racers, general-purpose boats and tourers as well as racing kayaks — and it's a real achievement to get down the course without too many swims. "Anybody over the age of 16 can enter but it's not a race for beginners. The hazards include the sheer numbers at the start — when 120 boats are heading for the same line down a weir there are going to be casualties — overhanging trees, cold and hypothermia, and entrants are expected to know what they're up against."

One man with first-hand knowledge of how the race has changed is Peter Lee of Marlow, who won the first Descent and has since competed in every race bar one. Lee's winning time back in 1968 was two hours 42 minutes and 29 seconds; the K1 record now stands at 1.46.52 (set by Bradford on Avon's Keith Owen in 1986) but then things have changed a bit over the years.

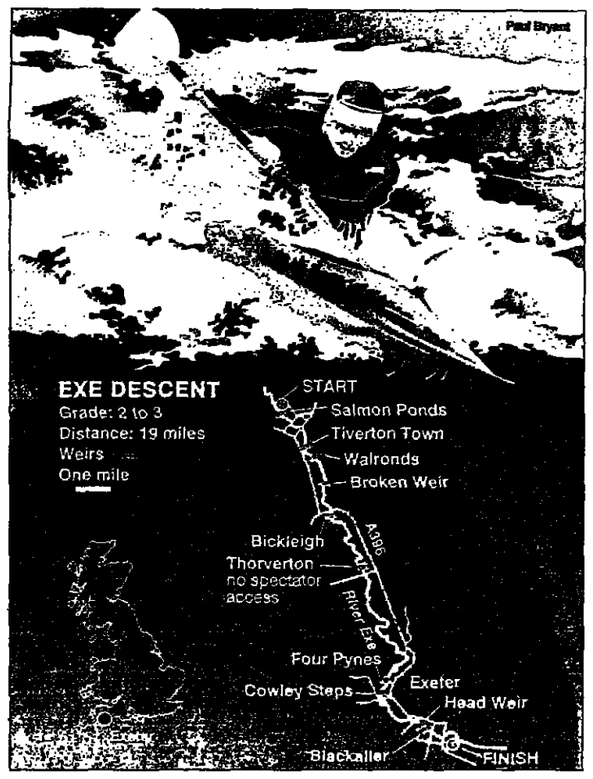
"What keeps people coming back," says Lee, "is the excitement of shooting the weirs and rapids. People come from as far away as Ireland to take part."

The Irish connection is a nice twist: the Devon race was initially modelled on the Liffey Descent, which takes place in September each year over a 17-mile course leading into Dublin. The main difference between the two events is that the Liffey has a guaranteed water level, with a release from a dam upstream providing good racing conditions every year. The Exe Descent is dependent on local water so the race can vary from a mere trickle of water in dry years to almost full flood when there has been heavy rain on Exmoor.

And when veteran canoeists are together, the talk is still of the 1986 race when the river threatened to burst its banks, records were smashed, and one third of the entrants failed to finish, and broken boats were being collected along the river and down the Exe estuary one week after the event.

Alan Laws, the chairman of the national marathon racing committee, rates the event as one of the highlights of the canoeing year, alongside the 125-mile Devizes to Westminster marathon, the annual national championships, and the Hasler Trophy final, where the best of each region's clubs compete for national honours.

"The Descent has a capacity entry, it's well organised and, depending on the water, can be very exciting," says Laws. "It's not an internationally serious marathon because of the hazardous nature of the course — everyone digs out their old patched K2s with overstern rudders, but it has a unique flavour."



Hell or high water

MIKE and Ashley Crispin have found one way round family rivalry in their chosen sport of canoeing — the father and son duo from Exeter are teaming up to race in the touring double class of the Exe Descent.

Ashley, 16, has been canoeing for three years, starting with the scouts and learning the basic skills at Haven Banks, the local outdoor activity centre.

"I like most water sports and when we got good enough to tackle whitewater I found that really exhilarating," he said.

"I've done whitewater trips on the Dart and the Exe, and I go canoeing regularly, on whitewater, the canal and the sea. I've not done much specific training for the race, but it's a challenge I want to try.

"We've borrowed a plastic touring double for the Descent: it won't be the fastest boat but we hope to make up time by being more stable than some of the others, so there's less risk of going in."

Mike, a community policeman, had paddled at school, and picked up the sport again around three years ago. He's done the race for the past two years, but this is the first time he will have tried it in a double.

The river is now at high level after constant rain, and both crew members want it to stay that way for Sunday: "It's more enjoyable when it's high," says Ashley, "and not quite as tiring when it's flowing fast."

Eric Lodge, chairman of the Exeter Canoe Club says: "Some paddlers only enjoy the race when the water's high and you can hear the weirs roaring before you get to them: others prefer a lower level, or take the safer option of portaging the obstacles (carrying their boats around them) so they get home in one piece. Either way the Descent is established as a test of canoeing skills and a favourite with paddlers nationwide.

"There are very few races in which club paddlers can line up alongside top internationals but this is one of them."

A democratic decision has put Ashley in charge for the race, taking the front seat to steer the two-man kayak down the course.

"He's far better than me — he was a last boat marshal following the race down last year — and he knows the water," says Mike. "As long as he doesn't take me down too many hair-raising shoots I'll be happy".

MAKING WAVES

THE British Canoe Union is the national body setting coaching and safety standards, and the safest way to learn is to join a BCU-affiliated club or to do an approved course. The BCU beginners' pack includes advice on the types of canoeing and craft, equipment, regional contacts, coaching schemes and tests, access to water and insurance. The organisation also supplies lists of canoe clubs and a detailed pack on racing events.

There is a difference between a canoe and a kayak. In a canoe, the paddler uses a single-bladed paddle while kneeling: in a kayak, a double-bladed paddle while sitting. A K1 is a one-person kayak (usually a racing boat), a K2 is a kayak for two, a C1 a canoe for one and a C2 a canoe for two.

Racing boats require skilful handling. Touring boats are more stable and slower: general-purpose and slalom boats are built for rough water.

Necessary equipment is warm clothing, a cagoule and wetsuit boots or trainers. You also need a British Standards Institution-approved helmet, costing from £24, and a buoyancy aid, from £45. A recreational kayak costs from £250 and paddles start at £80.

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St Albans maintain pace

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

ST ALBANS successfully held off Doncaster's challenge to win 3-1 at Clarence Park yesterday and stay on top of the second division in the National Hockey League.

Doncaster made a sensational start with Crick, the centre forward from Tasmania, putting them ahead within two minutes. His stickwork and acceleration troubled the home side's defence until his movements were restricted by Baylis at left back.

St Albans took only eight minutes to level the score with a goal by Cogdell from a free hit by Halliday, who put them ahead after 30 minutes from a chance set up by Cogdell and Graham Day.

Doncaster's spirited efforts to redress the balance were dealt a severe blow when Graham Day scored off the rebound for a short corner in the 53rd minute with West on the line making a futile attempt to retrieve. In the closing minutes, Wood, the Doncaster captain, just missed the far post from a short corner.

Bromley, who, along with St Albans, had been relegated from the first division at the end of last season, came back into the reckoning with a 5-0 win over Beeston, with Henderson scoring four goals.

Barford Tigers, the leaders of the second division only a fortnight ago, lost further ground after a 1-1 draw with Hampstead and Westminster. Tarsen Johal scored after 12 minutes for Barford and Dixon replied from a short corner for Hampstead in the 47th minute.

Cambridge City lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with a 2-1 win over Neston, but there was a price to pay with White being sent off in the 56th minute for dissent after he had been put under temporary suspension for a rough tackle. Goddard and Knight were the scorers for Cambridge City and Robert Smith replied for Neston.

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Oxford University shared eight goals with Gloucester City, Laird scoring twice for Oxford and Pearn matching him for Gloucester.

Surbiton and Canterbury, whose league match ended in a goalless draw a fortnight ago, failed to settle their differences yesterday when they drew 2-2 in the League Cup at Sugden Road. All the goals were scored from set pieces in the first half with Molloy converting two short corners for Surbiton and Hacker scoring both for Canterbury, the first from a penalty stroke and the second from a short corner. Evenett and Surridge, both of Canterbury, were suspended during the game for minor offences.

In other League Cup matches, Hounslow just scraped through in pool C with a 1-0 win over Southgate and Old Loughtonians defeated Indian Gymkhana 3-1.

☐ Ian Jennings, of Guildford and the Army, is taking a Combined Services team to Sydney, Australia, to play a series of matches against the armed forces of Australia and New Zealand. These matches will be played at the same time as the World Cup, which begins on November 23, but will take place in the mornings, to enable the participants to watch the World Cup matches. Jennings, who cannot play because of a back injury, will be the the team's coach and selector.

☐ Muhammed Shahbaz scored twice in Christchurch yesterday to help Pakistan seal a three-match international series against New Zealand with a 4-1 victory. Pakistan, who won the first match 1-0 in Wellington on Saturday, led 2-0 at the break. The third game is in Auckland tomorrow.

Ipswich find life tough at the top

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT IS tough getting to the top and even tougher staying there. Ipswich ought to know: they struggled to find their form at the start of the season, but still clambered to the top of the women's national hockey league, only to get knocked off on Saturday.

With Slough snapping at their heels, they knew any mistakes against Hightown would cost them their top position. Hightown also had their eyes on the leaders. Sitting in third place, they could have settled for stopping Ipswich just to keep a manageable gap between the two sides, but both teams ignored caution and chanced their luck.

In the end, not even luck decided it and while neither Ipswich nor Hightown scored and the conditions were appalling, the game was one of the most entertaining draws you coulod see. A penalty was missed and a goal disallowed, but even the players were happy with the result afterwards.

Whatever Ipswich, the former champions, did they could not find the target. Spencer, taking a few minutes off from her duties as Cullen's minder, drove one unstoppable stop in towards goal only to see the ball fly back off the crossbar.

Bamfield almost presented Strange with a sitter, but her pass was intercepted by the keeper, Reid. Then, in the second half, Smith had the ball in the net, but the umpire decided the ball into the circle had been lifted. When Fry missed a penalty ten minutes later, Ipswich knew it was not their day.

Not that it was one-way traffic. Cullen, despite the attentions of Spencer, was always threatening, but, with Thompson in athletic form, could never quite make it count.

"Sometimes, in order to win, you have to run the risk of losing," Maggie Souyave, Hightown's player-coach, said afterwards. "We went for it today. Both sides played an attacking game and both played high-level, structured hockey, so overall we have to be satisfied with the result."

Down in Bracknell, Eyre's two goals for Slough were just enough to put them on top of the league table on goal difference.

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Hendry builds advantage

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry, who produced the finest sustained spell of break-building in the history of the United Kingdom championship last year, was again in unstoppable form as he established a 7-1 lead over Adrian Rosa in the first round of the event in Preston yesterday.

Hendry, who constructed an unprecedented five century breaks during the opening session of his 9-3 semi-final defeat of John Parrott 12 months ago, gave a clear indication of his determination to capture the title for a third time as he blended patience with controlled aggression.

Admittedly, Rosa, the world No 142, from Cannock, is not the most formidable opponent. Since turning professional three years ago, he has achieved little. However, nobody could deny Hendry's sharpness. Guilty of underestimating players of Rosa's status in the past, that criticism could not be levelled at the Scot on this occasion.

Hendry, the world No 1 and champion here in 1989 and 1990, was unspectacular to 3-0, but he won the fourth frame with a 120 clearance and completed a highly satisfactory afternoon's work by compiling further runs of 97, 79 and 97.

Peter Ebdon, beaten by Alan McManus in the final of the Dubai Classic, overcame a shaky start to lead Karl Payne, of Birmingham, 6-0. Ebdon, like Hendry, capitalised on the majority of his scoring opportunities and made breaks of 59, 83, 55 and 115.

The myth that it is impossible to play anywhere near one's best with an unfamiliar cue was exploded by Steve Davis in a 9-3 victory over Paul Davies, of Cardiff, on Saturday.

Davis, who irreparably damaged his own cue when he accidentally dropped it 11 days ago, claimed that the very fact of being forced to employ a substitute had caused him to be "intensely focused".


Hendry: dominant

Breaks of 84, 59, 89, 71, 60 and 71 were the highlights of a particularly impressive display from Davis, given the circumstances. The six-time United Kingdom champion has clearly taken little time to become accustomed to the replacement cue borrowed from his father, Bill.

Davis will need to be equally effective when he provides the second-round opposition for Dave Harold, the runner-up to John Higgins in the Skoda Grand Prix last month. Harold comfortably beat Jamie Woodman 9-3 and included a 135 total clearance.

Parrott, the 1991 world and United Kingdom champion, raised his fist in mock celebration after recording his first win of the season by beating Tony Jones 9-4 and James Wattana, another disappointing performer by his own standards recently, recovered from a 6-4 deficit to defeat Lee Richardson 9-6.

David Rowe, the world No 13, joined Nigel Bond — beaten by Alex Higgins on Friday — as the only top 16 first-round casualties. Rowe, of Derby, lot 9-7 to Fergal O'Brien, the promising Irishman voted young player of the year by the snooker writers.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROAD RUNNING: Lord Mayor's Challenge (St Paul's, 6km): 1, E Martin (Basildon) 16min 33sec; 2, J Hamson (Blackheath) 16:51; 3, T Dickinson (Blackheath) 16:59. Teams: 1, Basildon 24pts; 2, Blackheath 28; 3, Thames Hare and Hounds 34. ROAD RELAY: National Women's championship (Birmingham, 4 x 4km): 1, Parkside Harrow 58min 37sec; 2, Birchfield 58:56; 3, Leeds City 59:31. CROSS COUNTRY: Home Countries International (Sunderland): Men (10.3km): 1, R Treadwell (Eng) 35min 3sec; 2, M Higginbottom (Eng) 35:11; 3, T Osborne (Eng) 35:15. Teams: 1, England 11pts; 2, Ireland 38; 3, Wales 57. Women (5.3km): 1, D Hoogesloger (Eng) 20min 35sec; 2, T Tuohy (Ire) 20:40; 3, J Stevenson (Scot) 20:41. Teams: 1, Ireland 10pts; 2, England 12; 3, Scotland 29.

South of England International (Margate): Men (8km): 1, B Royden (Eng) 22min 17sec; 2, R Findlow (Eng) 22:18; 3, I Cullen (Eng) 22:20. Teams: 1, England 11pts; 2, South 43; 3, Wales 51. Women (5km): 1, N Lynch (Oxford Univ) 15min 47sec; 2, T Blake (South) 16:10; 3, G Eddatu (Eth) 16:12. Teams: 1, England 26pts; 2, Oxford Univ 56; 3, Wales 70.

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: Open tournament: Men: Semi-finals: Heryanto Arbi (Indo) bt A Budi Kusuma (Indo) 10-15, 15-5, 15-13; Arby Wiranata (Indo) bt T Stuer-Laundsen (Den) 15-7, 15-4. Final: Arbi bt Wiranata 15-9, 15-11. Women: Semi-finals: Bang Soo-hyun (S Kor) bt C Magnusson (Swe) 11-6, 9-11, 11-3; L Xiaoqing (Swe) bt M Audina (Indo) 11-2, 12-10. Final: Bang Soo-hyun bt Xiaoqing 11-7, 11-6.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Hemel Royals 71 (Eller 24, Pringle 19, Ojukwu 10) Manchester Giants 112 (Blucas/Robinson 24, Craven 12).
7UP TROPHY: Derby 92 (Lascelles 20, Siemon 18, Belka/Gardiner 17) Sunderland 62 (Nottage 18, Puzic 11, Hopper 10); Leicester 91 (Waldron 36, Trasvant 17, Betts 7) Doncaster 85 (Fite 22, Joseph 17, Jones 11); Thames Valley 97 (Scantlebury 31, Holley 22, Bucknall 16) Birmingham 87 (Samuels 28, Lloyd 18, Simms 16); Worthing 82 (Lewis 28, Harried 20, Scott 15) London 85 (Moore 27, Henlan 17, Lewis 14).
NBA: Charlotte 113 Detroit 100; Indiana 93 Cleveland 86; Orlando 16 Philadelphia 103; *Washington 109 Miami 99*; *Boston 114* Minnesota 101; Houston 100 New Jersey 84; Dallas 124 Chicago 120; San Antonio 101 New York 82; Denver 119 Utah 110; Golden State 121 LA Lakers 93; Phoenix 108 LA Clippers 101; Sacramento 105 Atlanta 97.

BOWLS

KOWLOON, Hong Kong: Pairs tournament: Section One: Eleventh session: Kowloon BC bt Craigengower CC 24-15; Fiji bt China Light and Power 20-12; Royal HK Police bt England 24-14; S Africa bt Indian RC 34-6; Australia bt Hong Kong CC 29-18; Ireland bt Hong Kong Ladies 22-13. Final placings: 1, S Africa; 2, Fiji; 3, Australia; 4, Craigengower CC; 5, Ireland; 6, England; 7, China Light and Power; 8, Royal Hong Kong Police; 9, Hong Kong Ladies; 10, Indian Recreation Club; 11, Hong Kong CC; 12, Kowloon Bowls Club.

Section Two: Eleventh session: Canada bt Filipino Club 27-10; Scotland bt Hong Kong FC 29-12; Kowloon CC bt New Zealand 23-14; Hong Kong bt Victoria Lawn BC 20-18; Wales bt Club de Recreio 37-8; Israel bt City Lawn BC 25-12. Final placings: 1, Wales; 2, Israel; 3, New Zealand; 4, Scotland; 5, Hong Kong; 6, Kowloon CC; 7, Canada; 8, Victoria Lawn BC; 9, Club de Recreio; 10, Hong Kong FC; 11, Filipino Club.

Quarter-finals: S Africa bt Scotland 24-22; N Zealand bt Fiji 19-15; Australia bt Israel 19-14; Craigengower CC bt Wales 24-19. Semi-finals: South Africa bt Australia 23-11; Craigengower Cricket Club bt New Zealand 21-20.

Final: Craigengower Cricket Club bt South Africa 20-12.

NATIONAL INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: Wey Valley 94 King George 55; Cambridge Park 82 Picketts Lock 65; *Richmond 65 Paddington 75*; Croydon 77 Sutton 74; Dartford Stone Lodge 93 Old Coulsdon 81; Lewisham 89 Deangate Ridge 80; Cyphers 109 Egham 65; King Alfred 64 Preston 82; Margate 76 Mote Park 69; Atherley 58 East Dorset 103; Worthing 82 Longmeadow 78; Five Rivers 64 Adur 73; Worthing Pavilion 89 Dolphin 72; Cambridge Chesterton 102 Risbygate 54; Huntingdon 88 Bedford Borough 68; Avon Valley 104 Rugby 58; Melton Mowbray 97 Charnwood 80; Rushden 76 Leicester 73; Kingsthorpe 104 Northampton 54; Beccles 81 North Walsham 84; Wymondham Dell 83 Sole Bay 77; Norfolk and Norwich 74 Gt Yarmouth 77; Roundwood 87 Old Hall 71; Cheshunt 85 Towerlands 63; Ipswich 88 Falcon 68; Herts 43 Desborough 113; Isis 103 Gosling 51; Brackley 85 Watford 66; Luton 77 Stevenage 76; Bristol 87 Northavon 56; Malvern Hills 87 Gloucester 60; Westlecot 65 Bentham 76; Moonfleet 81 Victoria (Street) 76; *West Cornwall 47 Teignbridge* 103; Bodmin 89 Plymouth 64; Torbay 71 Plymouth Civil Service 86; Cumbria 104 Newcastle 51; South Shields 56 Sunderland 95; Copeland 84 Stanley 93; Hebburn 71 Gateshead 79; Gt Aycliffe 85 Hartlepool 85; Park View 64 Darlington 101; Richardsons 65 Blackpool NH 88; Nottingham 93 Spalding 68; Newark 58 South Forest 91; Lincoln 90 Rushcliffe 69; Seaford 72 Erewash 69.

BOXING

MEXICO CITY: World Boxing Council light-flyweight championship (12 rnds): H Gonzalez (Mex, holder) bt M Carbajal (US) pts.
World Boxing Council super-welterweight championship (12 rnds): L Santana (Dom Rep) bt T Norris (US, holder), disq.
World Boxing Council straw-weight championship (12 rnds): *R Lopez (Mex, holder)* bt Varguez (Mex), ko 8th.
World Boxing Association junior light-weight championship: G Hernandez (US, holder) bt J Garcia (Col), pts.

CRICKET

President's XI v West Indies

BANGALORE (first day of three): West Indies, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 236 runs behind the President's XI

PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings

V Rathore c Cuffy b Dhanraj	64
S Manjrekar c Murray b Cuffy	4
R Dravid c Lara b Benjamin	13
P Amre c Benjamin b Dhanraj	0
R Shamshad c sub b Cuffy	9
A Vaidya lbw b Chanderpaul	25
A Kapoor c sub b Cuffy	42
U Chatterjee c Adams b Chanderpaul	2
S Bahutule c Adams b Dhanraj	31
I Siddiqi b Chanderpaul	4
P Vaidya not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 20)	22
Total	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-96, 3-98, 4-106, 5-115, 6-159, 7-177, 8-179, 9-183.
BOWLING: Benjamin 12-3-39-1; Cuffy 20-5-55-3; Browne 13-4-44-0; Dhanraj 24-3-12-52-3; *Chanderpaul 11-2-46-3*

WEST INDIES: First Innings

P V Simmons not out	1
S C Williams not out	1
Total (no wkt)	2

BOWLING: Siddiqui 3-3-0-0; P Vaidya 2-0-2-0.

Northern Transvaal v New Zealand

PRETORIA (final day): Match drawn

NORTHERN TRANSVAAL: First Innings 292 (M Rindel 91, J Strydom 50, K Rule 50)

Second Innings

B Sommerville not out	23
C Lambert not out	52
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 2)	9
Total (no wkt)	84

BOWLING: Nash 5-1-14-0; Su'a 9-2-30-0; Doull 6-1-19-0; Hart 2-0-14-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

S A Young b Elworthy	45
D Murray lbw b Smith	72
S P Fleming c Lambert b Davis	114
M D Crowe c Sommerville b Smith	3
*K R Rutherford c Pienaar b Bryson	12
S Thomson c Smith b Davis	18
†A C Parore b Davis	23
M Hart run out	20
D I Nash b Davis	6
M Su'a not out	12
Extras (b 15, nb 15, w 1)	31
Total (9 wkts dec)	356

S Doull did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-114, 2-183, 3-199, 4-232, 5-281, 6-299, 7-333, 8-339, 9-356.
BOWLING: Elworthy 25-4-96-1; Smith 19-1-90-2; Rindel 4-0-19-0; Bryson 12-4-46-1; Davis 28.2-8-53-4; Sommerville 14-5-37-0.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Victoria 224 and 349-7 (*B Hodge 116, M Elliott 76*) Harvey 62) Queensland 230-9 dec. Perth: W Australia 254 and 48-1, S Australia 272 (G Blewett 152; B Reid 4-60).

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: National Trophy: Second round (Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton, 10.5 miles): 1, R Hammond (South Western RC), 58min 10sec; 2, G Foord (Scott International), at 28sec; 3, S Douce (PCA) same time; 4, B Clarke (Team Raleigh) at 46sec; 5, N Craig (Diamond Back) at 1:05; 6, J Norfolk (VC St Raphael) at 1:14. Overall: 1, Hammond 80 pts; 2, Douce, 69; 3, Craig, 61.
SCU Glasgow Centre Championship (Sighthill, Glasgow, 10 miles): 1, A Quinn (Glasgow United CC), 54:30; 2, S Alderson (Penicuik RT), at 57sec; 3, J McBain (Penicuik RT), at 1:47.
Boston Wheelers (Lincolnshire, 10 miles): 1, N Taylor (Hykeham ATB), 1:00:25; 2, C Buckle (Equinox RT), at 2:00; 3, M Farrow (Rennrad Club, Norwich), at 3:57.
Liverpool Century RC (Otterspool Pk, Aigburth, 10 miles): 1, P Middleton (North West Off-Road Club), 55:46; 2, P Whatmough (ABC Centreville), at 54sec; 3, P Howarth (Withington Wheelers), at 5:09.
Notts and Derbys League (Nottinghamshire, 15 miles): 1, D Alexander (Matlock CC), 50:18; 2, C Horsfield (Team Sheffrec), same time; 3, J Gould (Ace RT), at 1:11.

EQUESTRIANISM

CO CORK: World cup event: The Aer Rianta International: 1 equal, Everest Showtime (N Skelton, GB) and Prince D'Incoville (H Godignon, Fr), both clear 29.34sec; 3, Everest Magic Carpet (M Whitaker, GB) clear 29.62.
Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, Everest Dollar Girl (N Skelton, GB) clear 33.73 secs; 2, Carnival Bouncer (M Hughes, Ire) clear 34.58; 3, Junquilla (H van de Pol, Holl) clear 35.01; 4, Everest Elton (M Whitaker, GB) clear 35.57.

GOLF

DORADO PARK, Puerto Rico: World Cup: Third round scores and team totals: 398: United States (F Couples 65, 63, 68; D Love 67, 68, 69). 407: Zimbabwe (M McNulty 68, 67, 67; A Johnstone 67, 72, 66). 412: Japan (M Kawamura 71, 67, 65; T Suzuki 75, 68, 66). Malaysia (M Ramayah 66, 64, 69; P Gunasegaran 73, 69, 71). 413: New Zealand (F Nobilo 70, 66, 67; G Turner 72, 70, 68). 414: Sweden (J Haeggman 71, 65, 70; J Parnevik 69, 69, 70). 417: Italy (C Rocca 68, 66, 68; S Grappasonni 69, 71, 75). 418: Paraguay (A Franco 69, 68, 72; P Martinez 71, 69, 69). 419: Argentina (E Romero 72, 69, 66; M Guzman 72, 70, 73); Canada (R Gibson 71, 68, 71; D Barr 72, 68, 71). 420: Germany (B Langer 71, 71, 65; S Struver 71, 69, 73). 422: England (M Roe 69, 71, 72; B Lane 72, 70, 68); Scotland (A Coltart 71, 68, 69; G Brand jnr 73, 69, 72). 423: Thailand (P Marksaeng 69, 71, 67; B Ruangkit 70, 71, 75); Australia (S Elkington 69, 68, 71; M Clayton 75, 65, 75). 426: Holland (J Steenkammer 72, 75, 67, 74; C van der Velde 71, 71, 70); Mexico (E Toledo 69, 72, 69; R Alarcon 73, 73, 70); Ireland (D Clarke 69, 70, 76; P McGinley 69, 70, 72). 427: Republic of Korea (Sang-Ho Choi 74, 66, 72; Young-Keun Han 75, 72, 68); Brazil (A Barcellos 69, 66, 70; A Pedro 77, 70, 73); South Africa (R Wessels 70, 68, 74; W Westner 70, 72, 73). 428: France (J van de Velde 73, 67, 68; M Besanceney 74, 71, 75). 429: Wales (I Woosnam 73, 69, 66; P Price 77, 72, 72). 431: Denmark (S Tinning 71, 73, 70; J Rasmussen 78, 70, 69). 432: Chinese Taipei (Chin-Han Lu 75, 66, 73; Chen-Soon Lu 72, 73, 73). 433: Finland (M Piltz 72, 74, 67; A Kankkonen 72, 75, 73). 435: Spain (J Rivero 73, 71, 74; M-A Jiménez 73, 70, 74). 437: Switzerland (A Bossert 71, 71, 70; M Scopetta 72, 81, 72). 443: Puerto Rico (W Morales 71, 74, 72; M Camacho 75, 73, 78). 451: Hong Kong (R Kan 79, 74, 77; D Boulet 78, 76, 67). 470: Norway (T Nielsen 76, 71, 79; H Strom-Olsen 84, 84, 76).
Leading individual scores: 196: F Couples (US) 65, 63, 68. 199: M Ramayah (Malay) 66, 64, 69. 202: C Rocca (It) 68, 66, 68; M McNulty (Zim) 68, 67, 67; D Love (US) 67, 66, 69. 203: F Nobilo (NZ) 70, 66, 67; M Kawamura (Japan) 71, 67, 65. 204: E Romero (Arg) 72, 66, 66. 205: A Johnstone (Zim) 67, 72, 66. 206: J Haeggman (Swe) 71, 65, 70.

MELBOURNE, Australia: Men's tournament: Final round scores: 278: P Burke (US) 73, 70, 68, 67. 280: R Willis (Aus) 69, 69, 70, 72; T Elliott (Aus) 70, 71, 70, 69. 281: S Appleby (Aus) 71, 66, 77, 67. 282: G Simpson (Aus) 68, 71, 70, 73. 283: R Allenby (Aus) 71, 69, 71, 72. 286: P Moloney (Aus) 73, 70, 74, 68; C Spence (Aus) 70, 71, 77, 67; J Mosely (Aus) 71, 71, 70, 73; S Scahill (NZ) 73, 73, 69, 70; A Bonhomme (Aus) 72, 71, 71, 71; M Harwood (Aus) 74, 72, 71, 68.
Other scores: 289: J O'Keefe (US) 69, 73, 77, 70; S Hendley (Can) 71, 71, 70, 77; J Kay (Can) 72, 71, 69, 77. 290: G Sweatt (US) 72, 74, 71, 73. 292: M Colandro (US) 72, 72, 76, 72. 294: B Brask (US) 69, 76, 73, 77; K Singh (Fiji) 71, 72, 74, 77.

GOTEMBA, Japan: Men's tournament: Final round scores (Japan unless stated): 270: M Ozaki 66, 69, 68, 67. 275: B Estes (US) 69, 67, 72, 66. 276: C Parry (Aus) 68, 69, 75, 64; K Murota 71, 68, 70, 67; E Mizoguchi 70, 67, 71, 68; Y Mizumaki 69, 70, 67, 70. 277: T Nakajima 67, 71, 73, 66; L Mize (US) 67, 70, 72, 68; D Ishii (US) 70, 71, 66, 70. 278: T Hamilton (US) 69, 70, 71, 68.
Other scores: 280: P Mickelson (US) 69, 71, 72, 68; S Ballesteros (Sp) 73, 69, 70, 68.

CHONANMACHI, Japan: Women's tournament: Final round scores (Japan unless stated): 201: L Davies (GB) 64, 66, 71. 202: M Mural 67, 69, 66. 206: N Yoshikawa 69, 66, 71. 210: H Takamura 69, 72, 69; M Hirase 69, 70, 71. 211: K Higo 69, 66, 76.

GYMNASTICS

BURTON-ON-TRENT: Rhythmic gymnastics inter-regional championship: Team event: 1, West Midlands 45.80; 2, East Midlands 43.85. Under 10 duet: 1, Yorkshire 6.90. Under 13 trio: 1, Yorkshire 7.50. Over 13 duet: 1, Yorkshire 7.70.

ICE HOCKEY

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final group: Cardiff Devils 1 VEU Feldkirch (Austria) 13.
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Nottingham 19 Edinburgh 2.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife 9 Whitley 1; Milton Keynes 13 Humberside 7.
First division: Dumfries 7 Medway 8; Paisley 6 Guildford 4; Romford 4 Telford 13; Slough 9 Blackburn 5; Swindon 6 Solihull 8; Teesside 6 Trafford 4.

LACROSSE

MEN: South of England flags: First round: Hitchin 17 Buckhurst Hill 5.
Shepherds Friendly Society: National premiership trophy: Boardman and Eccles 4 Poynton 11; Cheadle 17 Ashton-under-Lyne 4. North Of England League: Second division: Mellor A 8 Heaton Mersey A 13; *Rochdale 16 Norbury 10*.

MOTOR RACING

ZHUHAI, China: International GT (381.3 km): 1, B Wollek, J-P Jarier and J Laffite (Fr, Porsche) 3hr 1min 33.05sec; 2, F Konrad (Austria) and T Needell (GB, Porsche) 90 laps; 3, U Richter, D Ebeling and K Wiazik (Ger, Porsche); 4, C Haberthur and O Haberthur (Switz, Porsche) 89 laps; 5, J-L Chereau and F-J Leconte (Fr, Porsche) 86 laps; 6, E Graham and F Birbeau (Fr, Venturi) 85 laps.

NETBALL

SHEFFIELD: International match: S Africa 46 England 45.

ROWING

MORTLAKE: Fullers Fours Head: Open quad: 1, Leander I 18min 57sec; 2, Nottingham County I 19:11; 3, London I 19:12; 4, Nottingham County III 19:18; 5 equal, Nottingham County IV 19:21 and Leander II 19:21.
Other division winners: Men: Coxless fours: Senior 1: Imperial College I 19.29. Senior 2: Oxford Brookes University I 20.10. Coxed fours: Open: Leander IV 19.31. Senior 1: Imperial College II 20.06. Senior 2: Oxford Brookes Univ III 20.19. Senior 3: Imperial College VIII and Oxford Brookes Univ II 20.42. Junior: Eton III 20.43. Novice: Trinity Hall, Cambridge 21.27. Veteran: Upper Thames III 20.48.
Women: Open quads: Upper Thames II 20.45. Open coxless fours: Thames I 21.08. Coxed fours: Open: Thames Tradesmen IX 22.37. Senior 2: Kingston V 23.06. Senior 3: Cambridge University II 22.42. Novice: Osiris IV 22.59.

SHINTY

MARINE HARVEST LEAGUES: South: First division: Glasgow Mid Argyll 1 Kyles Athletic 2; Oban Camanachd 9 Ballachulish 1. Second division: St Andrews University 3 Edinburgh University 2. North: First division: Fort William 4 Beauly 0; Glenurquhart 2 Kingussie 7; Newtonmore 2 Skye 0. Third Division: Beauly 5 Fort William 2; Boleskine 2 *Newtonmore 4*, Kingussie 8 Glenurquhart 0; Lovat 4 Aberdeen University 2. Fourth division: Kincraig 3 Strathglass 0; Lochbroom 0 Caberfeidh 4.
GLENMORANGIE CAMANACHD CUP: Second round: Glengarry 7 Kinlochshiel 3; Lochaber 1 Strathglass 1; Lochcarron 3 Lovat 5; London Camanachd 0 Strachur 2; Tayforth 2 Bute 1; Glenorchy 3 Kilmory 1.
STRATHDEARN CUP: First round: *Kilmallie 4 Inverness 2*; Skye 3 Kinlochshiel 0.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: UK championship: First round (England unless stated): J Parrott bt T Jones 9-4; N Marsh bt A Knowles 9-8; A Robidoux (Can) bt M Judge (Ire) 9-3; T Griffiths (Wales) bt J Johnson 9-7; M Williams (Wales) bt D Mountjoy (Wales) 9-1; D Harold bt J Woodman 9-3; S Dav... P Davies (Wales) 9-3; *J Wattana (Thai)* bt L Richardson 9-6; T Drago (Malta) bt J Read 9-7; J Burnett (Scot) bt N Foulds 9-5; R McDonald (Scot) bt M Price 9-7; F O'Brien (Ire) bt D Roe 9-7.

SQUASH

YOKOHAMA, Japan: Men's tournament: Final: J Khan (Pak) bt P Marshall (Eng) 15-9, 17-14, 15-9.

TENNIS

ANTWERP: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: M Larsson (Swe) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt J Palmer (US) 7-5, 6-3. Final: Sampras bt Larsson 7-6, 6-4.
MOSCOW: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Volkov (Russ) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; *C Adams (US)* bt M Rosset (Switz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Final: Volkov bt Adams 6-2, 6-4.
BUENOS AIRES: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Corretja (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp) 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; J Frana (Arg) bt K Novacek (Cz) 7-6, 6-2.
PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: N Zvereva (Belo) bt B Schultz (Holl) 6-1, 7-6; A Huber (Ger) bt K Po (US) 6-3, 6-2; M Pierce (Fr) bt M Tu (US) 6-2, 6-4; G Sabatini (Arg) bt C Rubin (US) 6-3, 6-0. Semi-finals: Pierce bt Zvereva 6-3, 6-3; Huber bt Sabatini 6-7, 6-4.
INDONESIA: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: A Sugiyama (Japan) bt Park Sung-Hee (S Kor) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; E Wagner (Ger) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) 6-1, 6-2.
SHEFFIELD: LTA tour: Finals: Men: P Hand (Berks) bt G Henderson (Yorks) 6-4, 0-1, ret. Women: M Mair (Scot) bt A *Simpkin (Leics)* 7-6, 6-4.

RACING

CHELTENHAM

Going: good to soft

12.40 (3m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Gold Cap (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 2, Dakyns Boy (3-1); 3, Christmas Gorse (11-1). Antonin 5-2 fav (pu). 6 ran. NR: Topsham Bay. 1½l, 2½l. P Hobbs. Tote: £5.20; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £10.70. CSF: £17.89.

1.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Atours (P Holley, 3-1 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Major Bugler (11-2); 3, Chief Minister (9-1). 10 ran. 15l, 1½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £2.20, £2.80. DF: £8.30. Trio: £30.40. CSF: £18.95. Tricast: £121.87.

1.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Bradbury Star (P Hide, 5-1); 2, Second Schedual (14-1); 3, Egypt Mill Prince (8-1). Tipping Tim 4-1 fav. 14 ran. Hd, 15l. J Gifford. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £3.10, £2.50. DF: £33.20. Trio: £63.60. CSF: £65.21. Tricast: £499.48.

2.25 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Fuzzy Logic (D Bridgwater, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Loch Scavaig (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Cab On Target (9-2 jt-fav). Badastan 9-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 3½l, 3½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £8.40. Trio: £12.50. CSF: £23.48. Tricast: £85.08.

3.00 (2m ch) 1, Martin's Lamp (A Maguire, 5-2; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Absalom's Lady (8-11 fav); 3, Merlins Wish (8-1). 5 ran. NR: I Have Him. 7l, 30l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.71.

3.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Berude Not To (J Osborne, 5-4 fav); 2, Herbert Lodge (9-2); 3, Sexton Grey (6-1). 8 ran. 7l, 3½l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.74.

Jackpot: £25,585.70

Placepot: £28.00. Quadpot: £3.40

AYR

12.30 1, Tulu (5-2); 2, Once More For Luck (15-8 fav); 3, Mine's A Villain (16-1). 12 ran.

1.05 1, Strong Deel (11-2); 2, Ninfa (15-8 fav); 3, Brave Buccaneer (3-1). 10 ran.

1.40 1, Northumbrian King (16-1); 2, White Willow (13-8 fav); 3, It's The Pits (12-1). 7 ran.

2.10 1, One Man (4-9 fav, *Private Handicapper's top rating*); 2, Mr Boston (5-1); 3, Rodeo Star (7-2). 3 ran. NR: Boarding School.

2.45 1, Bend Sable (7-4 fav); 2, Diwali Dancer (8-1); 3, Frickley (5-2). 6 ran.

3.15 1, Tartan Tradewinds (4-5 fav); 2, Bennan March (5-1); 3, Truely Royal (14-1). 7 ran.

3.45 1, Uncle Keeny (11-10 fav); 2, Panah (16-1); 3, Sugar Mill (3-1). 13 ran. NR: *Chalkelaw*.

NOTTINGHAM

12.50 1, Same Difference (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Ross Graham (7-1); 3, Ivychurch (11-2). Nuns Cone 4-1 jt-fav. 12 ran.

1.20 1, Bill And Win (8-1); 2, Bold Pursuit (9-4 fav); 3, Alaskan Heir (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Ijab, Parsienne King.

1.50 1, Mander's Way (4-1); 2, Uranus Collonges (6-4 fav); 3, Musthaveaswig (3-1). 5 ran.

2.20 1, Musical Trend (2-1); 2, Dual Image (15-8 fav); 3, Jurz (9-2). 5 ran.

2.55 1, Singlesole (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Moonshine Dancer (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Highly Decorated (11-1). Sir Pageant 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran.

3.25 1, Gales Cavalier (1-2 fav); 2, Rhossili Bay (8-1); 3, Annie Kelly (7-1). 7 ran.

3.55 1, Barney's Gift (7-2); 2, Plucky Punter (8-1); 3, Barton Santa (1-2 fav). 6 ran.

WINDSOR

1.30 1, Pride Of May (4-1); 2, Kalasadi (13-2); 3, Gold'n Shroud (6-1). Jathib 7-2 fav. 14 ran.

2.00 1, Society Guest (10-11 fav); 2, Master Reach (25-1); 3, Policemans Pride (50-1). 8 ran.

2.35 1, Emerald Storm (5-2); 2, Seven Of Diamonds (11-8 fav); 3, Dwadme (16-1). 6 ran. NR: Early Man.

3.05 1, The Boiler White (12-1); 2, Shrulawn (13-8 fav); 3, Father Power (7-2). 14 ran.

3.40 1, Carlingford Lakes (8-1); 2, Factor Ten (7-2 fav); 3, Divine Chance (4-1). 11 ran. NR: Lady Bunting.

4.10 1, Whippers Delight (14-1); 2, Sylvan Sabre (9-2); 3, Chapel Of Barras (6-1). Nagobelia 11-4 fav. 14 ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Simaat (2-1); 2, Dakota Brave (6-4 fav); 3, Noufan (25-1). 10 ran. NR: Mr Geran.

7.30 1, Magna Carta (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Komreyev Dancer (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Chadleigh Lane (11-1). 12 ran.

8.00 1, Dawalib (12-1); 2, Nordan Raider (11-1); 3, Rocketeer (9-4). African Chimes 2-1 fav. 13 ran.

8.30 1, Taroudant (5-2); 2, New Inn (9-4 fav); 3, Well And Truly (7-1). 12 ran.

9.00 1, Rotherfield Park (8-1); 2, Pats Delight (50-1); 3, Cune Express (16-1). Lady Pui 5-4 fav. 13 ran.

9.30 1, Wentbridge Lad (12-1); 2, Aitch N'Bee (33-1); 3, Polonez Prima (3-1). Gobsmacked 7-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Talented Ting.

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

LEAGUE CUP: Pool A: Hull 1 Cannock 2; Stourport 1 Bournville 1. Pool B: Surbiton 2 Canterbury 2; East Grinstead 2 Guildford 1. *Pool C: Southgate 0 Hounslow 1*; Indian Gymkhana 1 Old Loughtonians 3. Pool D: Slough 1 Havant 1; Trojans 3 Firebrands 1.
SECOND DIVISION: Beeston 1 Bromley 5; Brooklands 3 Crostyn 0; Cambridge City 2 Neston 1; Edgbaston 1 Richmond 1; Hampstead and Westminster 1 Barford Tigers 1; Oxford University 4 Gloucester City 4; Sheffield 3 Isca 3; St Albans 3 Doncaster 1; Whitchurch 0 Harleston Magpies 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Albans	5	4	1	0	16	5	13
Doncaster	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Barford Tigers	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Harleston M	5	3	1	1	6	4	10
Brooklands	5	3	1	1	7	6	10
Bromley	5	3	0	2	11	3	9
Sheffield	5	2	2	1	10	8	8
Beeston	5	2	2	1	9	10	8
Gloucester C	5	2	1	2	14	5	7
Hampstead	5	1	3	1	7	7	6
Edgbaston	5	1	3	1	4	5	6
Isca	5	1	2	2	8	8	5
Whitchurch	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
Richmond	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
Oxford Univ	5	1	1	3	6	12	4
Cambridge C	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
Neston	5	0	2	3	3	6	2
Crostyn	5	0	2	3	2	8	2

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Colchester 1 Blueharts 1; Dereham 2 Cambridge Univ 0; Ipswich 3 Chelmsford 1; Peterborough Town 2 Bishop's Stortford 1; *Redbridge 2 Luton Town 1*. Standings: 1, Ipswich 17; 2, Peterborough 14; 3, Redbridge 13. Premier division B: Bury St Edmunds 2 Policans 1; Old Southendian 1 Bedford 4; Romford 1 Ipswich and E Suffolk 2; Stevenage 2 Norwich City 1; Westcliff 3 Sudbury 2.
SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath Buccs 6 Cheltenham 1; Plymouth 2 Hereford 1; Swansea 3 Exeter Univ 0; WSM 3 Taunton Vale 4. Standings: 1, Bath Buccs 14; 2, Taunton Vale 10.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hightown 2 Formby 2; Norton 0 Rhyddings 0; Stockton 0 Harrogate 1; Timperley 0 Blackburn 2; Warrington 5 Southport 4. Standings: 1, Harrogate 16; 2, Norton 12; 3, Formby 11. Second division: Bowdon 1 Swalwell 0; Chester 4 Durham University 4; Halifax 3 Alderley Edge 0; Knutsford 0 Hull 1; Liverpool 1 Storrsfon Seconds 1; Ramgarhia 1 Oxton 3; Sheffield Bankers 3 Disley 0; Springfields 2 Wakefield 3; York 2 Wigan 2.
DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 3 Leicester Westleigh 1; *Blorwich 2 Hampton in Arden 3*; North Notts 3 Lichfield 1; Nottingham 4 Khalsa 1; Olton and West Warwick 1 Harborne 1.
NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier league: Anchorians 4 Lyons 2; Dulwich 1 Maidenhead 3; Fareham 0 City of Portsmouth 1; Gore Court 4 Ashford 1; Old Kingstonians v Old Walcountians, postponed; Old Whitgiftians 0 Chichester 0; Oxford Hawks 0 Winchester 2; Spencer 0 Wimbledon 1; *Staines 1 High Wycombe 2*; Woking 3 Lewes 4. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Hayes 2 Eastcote 0; HCC 4 Gerrards Cross 2; Marlow 2 Hendon 1; Mill Hill 0 City of Oxford 2; Milton Keynes 2 Bracknell 3; Newbury 5 Headington 2; OMT 1 Wokingham 5; PHC Chiswick 0 Amersham 0; Ramgarhia 10 Aylesbury 0; Richings Park v Sunbury, postponed. Kent/Sussex: Beckenham 3 Sevenoaks 0; Belvedere 1 Middleton 0; Bexleyheath 1 Mid Sussex 4; Blackheath 1 O Holcombeians 1; Bognor 4 Tulse Hill 3; Brighton 0 O Williamsonians 1; Crawley 1 O Bordenians 2; Gravesend 0 Horsham 3; Herne Bay 1 Marden Russets 2; Tunbridge Wells 1 Greenwich 0. Hampshire/Surrey: Basingstoke 3 O Edwardians 0; Fleet 0 Camberley 4; Hamble OB 2 Bournemouth 5; Merton 0 Cheam 1; O Mid Whitgiftians 2 Epsom 1; Oxshott 0 Purley 0; Oxted 0 London University 2; Petersfield 2 Lensbury 0; Southampton Tauntonians 2 Barnes 4; Weybridge Hawks 1 Pirelli 1.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Edinburgh Univ 0 MIM 3; Grange 1 Kelburne 1; Inverleith 1 TR Gordonians 0; Torbrex v Menzieshill, postponed; Western 5 Watsonians 0. Standings: 1, MIM 10-23; 2, Grange 10-23; 3, Kelburne 9-16.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Bracknell 0 Slough 2; Chelmsford 2 Balsam Leicester 1; F P *Sutton Coldfield 1 Clifton 0*; Ipswich 0 Hightown 0. Standings: 1, Slough 16; 2, Ipswich 16; 3, Hightown 9. First division: Canterbury 2 Bluehearts 1; Doncaster 0 Exmouth 1; Ealing 0 Wimbledon 3; Trojans 3 Bradford SW 0. Standings: 1, Doncaster 15; 2, Exmouth 13; 3, Wimbledon 10. Second division: Gt Harwood 1 Woking 3; Olton WW 0 Sunderland Bedans 1; St Albans 1 Loughborough Students 2; Sherwood 2 Pickwick 1. Standings: 1, Bedans 14; 2, St Albans 12; 3, Woking 11.
MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Belper 0 Lindridge 4; Kettering 1 Crimson Ramblers 3; Pevan 1 Wolverhampton 1; Tamworth 0 Hampton 1. Standings: 1, Aldridge 16; 2, Hampton 16; 3, Crimson R 9.
WEST LEAGUE: Cheltenham 2 Wimborne W 1; Clifton 0 Colwall 2; Gloucester 2 St Austell 2; Lansdown 0 Exeter 1; Leominster 1 Bournemouth 3; Redland 2 East Glos 0; WSM 1 Plymouth 0. Standings: 1, Redland 18; 2 equal, Colwall and Cheltenham 12.
WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Aberystwyth University 0 Swansea 19; Cardiff Athletic 0 Colwyn Bay 0; Haverfordwest 2 Newport 4; Penarth 2 Llanfair 2; Newtown 7 Wrexham 0. Standings: 1, Swansea 13; 2, Cardiff Athletic 11.
NORTH LEAGUE: Crosby v Poynton, postponed; Don Valley 1 Liverpool 2; Newcastle 2 Ormskirk Ford 1; York 1 Chester 1. Standings: 1, Poynton 5-13; 2, Don Valley 6-12; 3, Chester 6-8.
SOUTH LEAGUE: Hendon 2 West Witney 1; Reading 4 City of Portsmouth 0; Southampton 3 Havant 0; Winchester 0 Dulwich 1; Winchmore Hill 1 Ealing 0; Worthing 2 Guildford 2. Standings: 1, Reading 15; 2, Southampton 13; 3, Dulwich 8.
SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Cardiff IHE v Llan and Llan, postponed; Cwmtawe 1 St Fagans 2; Risca 0 Pontypridd 2.

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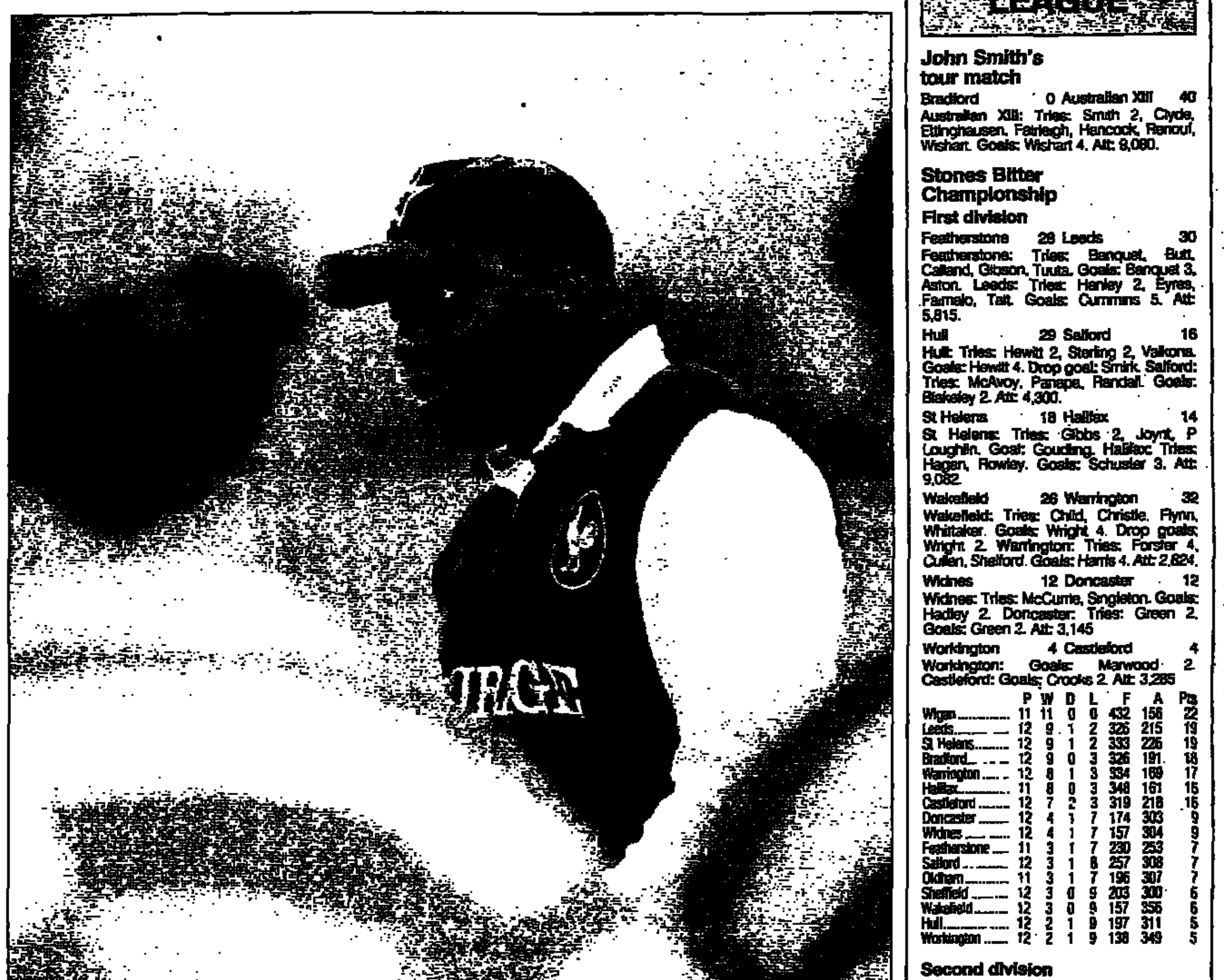
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SCHOOLS SPORT



Steve Ojomoh, the England flanker, takes rugby training at Sevenoaks School last week as a prize for the school's team being nominated by a weekly winner of *The Times'* Courage First XV game. Photograph: Tony White

RUGBY UNION

Arnold 5 Sedbergh 17
Ashville Coll, Harrogate 9 Harrogate GS 6
Bedford 9 Rugby 6
Bedford Modern 20 Oakham 18
Blundell's 65 Plymouth 0
Bryanston 20 Sherborne 3
Canford 32 Douai 0
Chichester HS 10 King Edward VI, Southampton 8
Clifton 21 Christ's, Brecon 10
Cooper's Coburn 34 Bancrofts 0
Culford 3 Woodbridge 13
Durham 13 Ampleforth 3
Edinburgh Academy 13 Strathallan 0
Eltham 24 Caterham 15
Epsom 20 St Paul's 11
Glenalmond 5 George Watson's Coll 46
Hampton 39 City of London Freeman's 12
Harrow 20 Eton 0
Hereford Cathedral Sch 47 Bristol Cathedral Sch 3
Kelly 13 West Buckland 12
King Edward's, Bath 29 Beechen Cliff 0
King Edward's, Lytham 11 Rossall 52
King Henry VIII, Coventry 60 Bishop Vesey's 13
King's, Canterbury 0 Tonbridge 34
King's, Ely 32 Perse 3
King's, Rochester 15 Kent Coll 8
King's, Worcester 15 King Edward's, Camp Hill 0
Kirkham GS 8 Lancaster RGS 32
John Fisher 24 RGS Guildford 10
London Oratory 12 St Olave's 8
Loughborough GS 16 King Edward's, Birmingham 19
Marlborough 14 Cheltenham 3
Marling 13 Cotham 0
Merchant Taylor's, Northwood 3 Sevenoaks 17
Millfield 31 King's, Taunton 3
Monkton Combe 7 Dean Close 10
Monmouth 23 Wrekin 13
Oratory 12 Colston's 32
Pangbourne 24 Reigate GS 16
Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 10 Campion 18
QEGS Wakefield 13 Bradford GS 12
CE Hosp Bristol 16 Wellington 12
Queen's Taunton 16 O Quinnians 10
Royal Grammar 19 Aylesbury GS 11
RGS Worcester 17 Bristol GS 10
Rydal 16 Llandovery 13
St Benedict's 29 Tiffin 11
St George's, Harpenden 58 Simon Bowd 0
St John's, Southsea 17 Portsmouth GS 3
St Peter's, York 22 Pocklington 12
Shiplake 3 Bloxham 18
Sir Roger Manwood's 12 Duke of York's 40
Solihull 5 Bromsgrove 6
Stonyhurst 30 Leeds GS 9
Stowe 8 Mill Hill 12
Whitgift 12 Dulwich 20
Wimbledon 32 Trinity 6
Windsor 38 Desborough 7
Worth 15 Brighton Coll 18
Yarm 14 King's, Canterbury 6

FOOTBALL

Alleyn's, Dulwich 3 Brentwood 1
Shrewsbury 3 Repton 0

HOCKEY

Chelmsford County HS 1 Queenswood 4

LACROSSE

Northern Schools Championships *(at York)*
Semi-finals: Harrogate 2 Morton Hall, Oswestry 1 (aet); Queen Margaret, York 3 Bolton 0
Final: Queen Margaret, York 3 Harrogate 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's tour match

Bradford 0 Australian XIII 40
Australian XIII: Tries: Smith 2, Clyde, Ettinghausen, Fairleigh, Hancock, Renouf, Wishart. Goals: Wishart 4. Att: 9,080.

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Featherstone 28 Leeds 30
Featherstone: Tries: Banquet, Butt, Calland, Gibson, Tuuta. Goals: Banquet 3, Aston. Leeds: Tries: Hanley 2, Eyres, Farnalo, Tait. Goals: Cummins 5. Att: 5,815.

Hull 29 Salford 16
Hull: Tries: Hewitt 2, Sterling 2, Valkona. Goals: Hewitt 4. Drop goal: Smirk. Salford: Tries: McAvoy, Panapa, Randall. Goals: Blakeley 2. Att: 4,300.

St Helens 18 Halifax 14
St Helens: Tries: Gibbs 2, Joynt, P Loughlin. Goal: Goulding. Halifax: Tries: Hagen, Rowley. Goals: Schuster 3. Att: 9,082.

Wakefield 26 Warrington 32
Wakefield: Tries: Child, Christie, Flynn, Whitaker. Goals: Wright 4. Drop goals: Wright 2. Warrington: Tries: Forster 4, Cullen, Shelford. Goals: Harris 4. Att: 2,824.

Widnes 12 Doncaster 12
Widnes: Tries: McCurrie, Singleton. Goals: Hadley 2. Doncaster: Tries: Green 2. Goals: Green 2. Att: 3,145.

Workington 4 Castleford 4
Workington: Goals: Marwood 2. Castleford: Goals: Crooks 2. Att: 3,265

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	11	11	0	0	432	156	22
Leeds	12	9	1	2	326	215	19
St Helens	12	9	1	2	333	226	19
Bradford	12	9	0	3	326	191	18
Warrington	12	8	1	3	334	169	17
Halifax	11	8	0	3	348	161	16
Castleford	12	7	2	3	319	218	16
Doncaster	12	4	1	7	174	303	9
Widnes	12	4	1	7	157	304	9
Featherstone	11	3	1	7	230	253	7
Salford	12	3	1	8	257	308	7
Oldham	11	3	1	7	196	307	7
Sheffield	12	3	0	9	203	300	6
Wakefield	12	3	0	9	157	356	6
Hull	12	2	1	9	197	311	5
Workington	12	2	1	9	138	349	5

Second division

Barrow 6 Huddersfield 22
Barrow: Try: Crarey. Goal: Shaw. Huddersfield: Tries: Austin 2, Kerry, Reynolds. Goals: Pearce 3. Att: 1,014.

Bramley 24 Hull KR 26
Bramley: Tries: Blankley, Jewitt, J Perks, Wigglesworth. Goals: J Perks 4. Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Plange, Speckman, Thompson, Wardrobe. Goals: M Fletcher 5. Att: 840.

Carlisle 12 Batley 26
Carlisle: Tries: Knox, Russell. Goals: Richardson 2. Batley: Tries: Wilson 2, Harrison, Mirfin, Parkinson. Goals: Wilson 3. Att: 400

Highfield 20 Ryedale York 24
Highfield: Tries: Clancy, Dolan, Hudson. Goals: C Johnson 4. Ryedale York: Tries: Davies, Gascoigne, Hopcutt, Ramsey. Goals: Hopcutt 4. Att: 420

Keighley 28 Rochdale 13
Keighley: Tries: Dixon, Irving, N Pinkney, Walker. Goals: Irving 6. Rochdale: Tries: Churm, Ratu. Goals: Streett 2. Drop goal: Streett. Att: 3,887.

Leigh 10 Whitehaven 30
Leigh: Tries: Bridge, Costello. Goal: Tanner. Whitehaven: Tries: Friend 2, Seeds 2, White. Goals: Maguire 5. Att: 1,339.

London Broncos 40 Hunslet 2
London Broncos: Tries: Roskell 3, Pitt 2, Riley 2, Green. Goals: Heugh 4. Hunslet: Goal: Pell. Att: 617.

Swinton 12 *Dewsbury* 24
Swinton: Tries: T Barrow, Price-Jones. *Goals: Gartland 2. Dewsbury: Tries:* Graham, D Longo, Merchant. Goals: Agar 6. Att: 906

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	12	10	1	1	404	143	21
Dewsbury	12	9	0	3	361	183	18
Batley	12	9	0	3	285	182	18
London Broncos	13	9	0	4	311	189	18
Hull KR	12	8	0	4	417	142	16
Huddersfield	12	8	0	4	306	171	16
Whitehaven	12	8	0	4	274	236	16
Ryedale York	12	7	1	4	336	219	15

RUGBY UNION

International match

England 54 Romania 3
England: Tries: T Underwood 2, Carling, penalty try, Rodber, R Underwood. Cons: Andrew 6. Pens: Andrew 4. Romania: Pen: Ivanciuc.

Tour matches

Leinster 9 USA 6
Leinster: Pens: McGowan 2. Dropped goal: McGowan. United States: Pen: Williams 2.

Scottish Districts 6 South Africans 33
Scottish Districts: Pens: McKenzie 2. South Africans: Tries: Muller 2, Kruger, Straeuli, van der Westhuizen. Cons: Joubert 3, Johnson

W Hartlepool 5 Canterbury 56
West Hartlepool: Try: S Cook. Canterbury: Tries: Bale 3, D Charteris, Gardiner, Gibson, Hansen, Kele, Morgan. Cons: Philpott 4. Pen: Philpott.

Inter-provincial Championships

Connacht 9 Irish Exiles 35
Munster 17 Ulster 15

Courage Clubs Championship

Third division

Bedford 38 Harrogate 18
Bedford: Tries: Turner 2, Alston, Whetstone. Cons: Finnie 2. Pens: Finnie 5. Harrogate: Try: Hopkinson. Con: Clappison. Pens: Clappison 2

Clifton 29 Exeter 15
Clifton: Tries: Beresford, Brain. Cons: Hogg 2. Pens: Hogg 5. Exeter: Pens: Oxland 4, Stewart.

Otley 33 Rugby 7
Otley: Tries: Rutledge, Waddington, penalty try. Cons: Rutledge 3. Pens: Rutledge 4. Rugby: Try: Bishop. Con: Evans.

Richmond 5 Blackheath 8
Richmond: Try: Cuthbert. Blackheath: Try: Griffiths. Pen: Howard.

Rosslyn Pk 9 Morley 12
Rosslyn Park: Pens: Giffen 2. Dropped goal: Holder. Morley: Pens: Grayshon 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford	8	7	0	1	190	84	14
Otley	8	6	0	2	169	95	12
Blackheath	8	6	0	2	124	65	12
Harrogate	8	5	0	3	126	149	10
Rugby	8	4	0	4	123	122	8
Rosslyn Pk	8	4	0	4	119	126	8
Clifton	8	4	0	4	118	133	8
Morley	8	3	0	5	97	173	6
Exeter	8	1	0	7	74	131	2
Richmond	8	0	0	8	101	151	0

LEADING SCORERS: 110: A Finnie (Bedford, 10 conversions, 29 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal). 106: P Rutledge (Otley, 3 tries, 11c, 23pg). 73: D Clappison (Harrogate; 5c, 19pg, 2dg). 71: S Howard (Blackheath; 4c, 19pg, 2dg). 66: S Hogg (Clifton; 6c, 14pg, 4dg). 56: J Grayshon (Morley; 4c, 15pg, 1dg). 41: J Hoad (Richmond; 1t, 11pg, 1dg). 37: J Quantrill (Rugby; 5c, 8pg). 30: J Gregory (Richmond; 1t, 5c, 5pg). 29: A Parton (Rosslyn Park; 1t, 3c, 6pg).

Fourth division

Aspatria	26	Plymouth	8
Havant	50	Askeans	13
Leeds	19	Redruth	0
Reading	28	Liverpool SH	6
Rotherham	50	Broughton Pk	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	8	7	0	1	290	104	14
Reading	8	7	0	1	175	122	14
Havant	8	6	0	2	189	124	12
Liverpool SH	8	5	1	2	143	91	11
Leeds	8	4	0	4	136	127	8
Redruth	8	3	1	4	125	146	7
Aspatria	8	3	0	5	113	177	6
Broughton Pk	8	3	0	5	97	165	6
Plymouth	8	1	0	7	122	172	2
Askeans	8	0	0	8	79	241	0

Heineken League

First division

Abertillery 19 Neath 12
Abertillery: Try: Ford. Con: M Williams. Pens: M Williams 4. Neath: Pens: Thomas 4.

Bridgend 16 *Llanelli* 3
Bridgend: Try: G Thomas. Con: Lewis. Pens: Lewis 3. Llanelli: Pen: Strange.

Dunvant 10 Cardiff 27
Dunvant: Tries: M Davies, Greenwood. Cardiff: Tries: Hall 2. Con: Dawes. Pens: Dawies 5.

Newbridge 13 Pontypool 8
Newbridge: Try: Fisher. Con: Withers. Pens: Withers 2. Pontypool: Try: Ring. Pen: Williams.

Newport 16 Treorchy 37
Newport: Tries: Goodey, Roderick. Pens: D Hughes 2. Treorchy: Tries: Lewis 2, Orrell 2. Cons: L Evans 3, Harries. Pens: L Evans, Harries. Dropped goal: Harries

Pontypridd 32 Swansea 10
Pontypridd: Tries: Lloyd, Manley, C Thomas. Con: Jenkins. Pens: Jenkins 5. Swansea: Try: Simon Davies. Con: A Williams. Pen: A Williams.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	9	8	0	1	286	98	16
Swansea	9	6	0	3	204	165	12
Pontypridd	8	6	0	2	184	99	12
Bridgend	9	5	1	3	197	206	11
Llanelli	9	5	0	4	157	188	10
Treorchy	9	5	0	4	209	124	10
Neath	9	3	2	4	131	179	8
Dunvant	9	3	1	5	143	165	7
Pontypool	9	3	0	6	139	210	6
Newbridge	8	3	0	5	89	127	6
Abertillery	9	2	0	7	165	274	4
Newport	9	2	0	7	115	204	[illegible]

Second division

Aberavon	22	Abercynon	0
Ebbw Vale	11	Cross Keys	10
Llandovery	16	Narberth	8
Penarth	18	Maesteg	27
S Wales Pol	22	Llanharan	13
Tenby Utd	13	Bonymaen	16

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon Quins 16 Caerphilly 14; Blackwood 6 Ystradgynlais 14; Builth Wells 6 Blaina 11; Kenfig Hill 21 Tredegar 22; Tondu 13 Glamorgan Wanderers 23; Mountain Ash 65 Pontypool United 12.

CIS County Championship

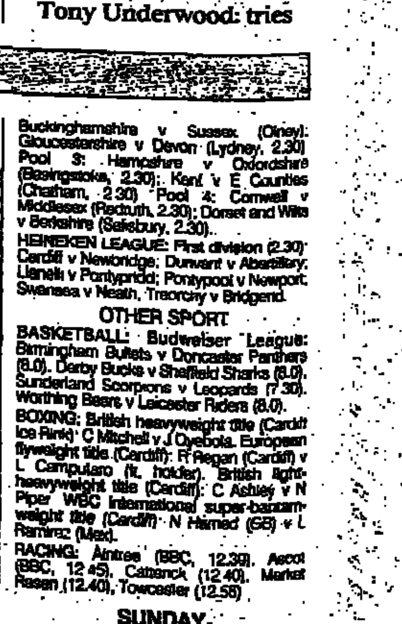
Midlands Group A

Staffordshire 12 Leicestershire 15
Staffordshire: Pens: Mills 4. Leicestershire: Tries: Bennett, Coltman. Con: Hope. Pen: Hope.

Club matches

Bath	33	Oxford Univ	28
Edinburgh Ac	25	Ayr	20
Edinburgh W	34	Kilmarnock	10
Fylde	32	Walsall	0
Grangemouth	12	Clarkston	3
Harlequins	40	Cambridge Univ	13
Heriot's FP	0	Preston Lodge	15
Howe of Fife	8	Musselburgh	20
Kirkcaldy	3	Stewarts Mel	25
L Irish	10	Loughborough St	6
Moseley	5	Wasps	52
Northampton	12	Newcastle G	0
Saracens	20	Sale	37
Selkirk	37	Langholm	8
Wakefield	23	Orrell	15
Watsonians	47	Haddington	3
Dundee HSFP	33	Club Polytechnic	0
Barkers Butts	12	Henley	45
Birmingham	5	Wolverhampton	13
Stoke	19	Worcester	18
Barking	42	Harrow	6
Kendal	13	Manchester	11
L Welsh	11	L Scottish	21
Met Police	36	Eton Manor	0
Preston G	47	H Wycombe	10
Tabard	34	Bishop's Stortford	3
Waterloo	29	Boroughmuir	16
Winnington Pk	20	Widnes	15
Glasgow Ac	38	Livingstone	6

Postponed: Melrose v Jed-Forest, West of Scotland v Hutchesons' and Aloysian.



Tony Underwood: tries

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
First round
Preston v Blackpool (8.0)
Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Farnborough (7.45)
DIADORA LEAGUE: [illegible] Tring [illegible]
FA [illegible] First [illegible]
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Keynsham v Chard

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Leicester (first race 12.45), Plumpton (1.30)

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Moseley v Canterbury, NZ (7.0). Scottish Selection v South Africa (Aberdeen, 2.05). Llanelli v East Ontario (7.15).
CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern group: Cheshire v Lancashire (7.15); Cumbria v Northumberland (7.15); Durham v Yorkshire (7.30).
CLUB MATCHES: Croesyceiliog v Cross Keys (7.0); Exeter v Bristol (7.0); Northampton v London Welsh (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S TOUR: Great Britain under-21 v Australia XIII (Gateshead, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

GYMNASTICS: World team championships (Dortmund, Germany, to November 20).
RACING: Newton Abbot (12.50), Warwick (1.10), Wetherby (1.00).
TABLE TENNIS: European women's league, Holland v England.
TENNIS: Women's challenge tournament (Eastbourne, to November 19).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: England v Republic of Ireland (Newcastle, 7.45). Group seven: Georgia v Wales (Tbilisi, 10.0). Group eight: Scotland v Russia (Cumbernauld, 7.30).
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Southern section: Group one: First round: Exeter v Cardiff (7.45).
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: International stage (7.45 unless stated). Group A: Ascoli v Swindon; Lecce v Tranmere; Notts County v Venezia; Wolverhampton v Atalanta. Group B: Ancona v Middlesbrough; Cesena v Sheffield Utd (1.30); Derby v Udinese; Stoke v Piacenza.
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Northwich v Stafford (7.45).
LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, second leg: Holywell v Porthmadog (7.30).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v Nigeria (Wembley, 8.0).
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: QUALIFIERS: Group six: Northern Ireland v Republic of Ireland (Windsor Park, Belfast, 8.0). Group seven: Georgia v Wales (Tbilisi, 10.0). Group eight: Scotland v Russia (Hampden Park, 8.0).
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham and Redbridge v Stevenage (7.45).
LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, second leg: Ebbw Vale v Llanelli (7.30).

RUGBY UNION

CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midland group: East Midlands v Notts, Lincs and Derbys (Northampton, 7.30).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University v Major R V Stanley's XV (3.0).
CLUB MATCHES: Bonymaen v Ystradgynlais (7.15); Plymouth v Royal Navy (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Haydock Park (12.50), Hereford (1.05), Kempton Park (1.00).

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL

UEFA UNDER-18 TOURNAMENT: England v Latvia (Reading, 7.45).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Coventry v Canterbury, NZ (7.30). Rugby v East Ontario (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leopards v Leicester Riders (7.0).
RACING: Haydock Park (1.10), Ludlow (12.50), Wincanton (1.00).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

FAI BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE: *Premier division: Athlone Town v Galway United* (8.15); St Patricks Ath v Shamrock Rovers (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (7.15): Boroughmuir v Heriot's FP; Clarkston v Dundee HSFP; Hawick v Melrose; Hillhead/Jordanhill v Glasgow HK; Jed-Forest v Gala; Kelso v Langholm; Musselburgh v Watsonians; Portadown v Dungannon; Stirling Co v Kilmarnock; West of Scotland v Peebles.
BOXING: IBF super-middleweight title *(Las Vegas): J Toney (US, holder)* v R Jones (US).
CRICKET: Australian XI v England (Hobart, to November 21). First Test: India v West Indies (Bombay, to November 22).
GOLF: African senior masters (Windsor, Kenya, to November 20).
RACING: Ascot (BBC, 1.00), Leicester (12.40), Sedgefield (12.20).
SWIMMING: British Grand Prix meeting *(Leicester, to November 20)*.
WEIGHTLIFTING: World championships (Istanbul, to November 27).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP (3.0): Coventry v Norwich; Ipswich v Blackburn; Manchester Utd v Crystal Palace; *Nottingham Forest v Chelsea; QPR v Leeds*; Sheffield Wed v West Ham; Southampton v Arsenal; Tottenham v Aston Villa; Wimbledon v Newcastle.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE (3.0): First division: Bolton v Notts County; Derby v Port Vale; Luton v Portsmouth; Millwall v Barnsley; Southend v Reading; Stoke v Grimsby; Sunderland v Watford; Tranmere v Charlton; West Bromwich v Oldham. Second division: Birmingham v Bournemouth; Bradford v Crewe; Brighton v Peterborough; Cambridge Utd v Shrewsbury; Chester v Blackpool; Huddersfield v Brentford; Hull v Bristol Rovers; Leyton Orient v York; Oxford Utd v Rotherham; Plymouth v Wrexham; Swansea v Stockport; Wycombe v Cardiff. Third division: Barnet v Bury; Doncaster v Hartlepool; Fulham v Lincoln; Gillingham v Chesterfield; Hereford v Carlisle; Preston v Northampton; Rochdale v Colchester; Scarborough v Torquay; Scunthorpe v Mansfield; Walsall v Exeter; Wigan v Darlington.
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE (3.0): Bath v Stevenage; Dagenham and Redbridge v Macclesfield; Farnborough v Bromsgrove; Gateshead v Dover; Kettering v Woking; Kidderminster v Altrincham; Merthyr v Runcorn; Stafford v Stalybridge; Telford v Southport; Welling v Northwich; Yeovil v Halifax.
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE (3.0): Premier division: Dundee Utd v Hearts; Hibernian v Motherwell; Kilmarnock v Celtic; *Partick v Aberdeen; Rangers v Falkirk*. First division: Airdrie v Dundee; Clydebank v Raith; Dunfermline v St Mirren; St Johnstone v Ayr; Stranraer v Hamilton. Second division: Berwick v Clyde; East Fife v Queen of South; Morton v Stirling; Meadowbank v Dumbarton; Stenhousemuir v Brechin. Third division: Alloa v Ross Co; Caledonian Thistle v Albion; E Stirling v Cowdenbeath; Montrose v Forfar; Queen's Pk v Arbroath.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Scotland v South Africa (Murrayfield, 2.15).
CIS DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: North v Midlands (Otley, 2.0); South-West v London (Bristol, 3.0).
IRISH INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Leinster v Irish Exiles (Donnybrook); Ulster v Connacht (Ravenhill).
TOUR MATCH: Gloucester v Canterbury, NZ (3.0).
CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern group: Cheshire v Cumbria (Wilmslow); Lancashire v Durham (Waterloo, 2.30); Northumberland v Yorkshire (Tynedale, 2.15). Midland group A: Leicestershire v North Midlands. Group B: Notts, Lincs and Derbys v Warwickshire (Newark, 2.30). Southern group: Pool 1: Surrey v Hertfordshire (Sutton and Epsom, 2.15). Pool 2: Buckinghamshire v Sussex (Olney); Gloucestershire v Devon (Lydney, 2.30). Pool 3: Hampshire v Oxfordshire (Basingstoke, 2.30); Kent v E Counties (Chatham, 2.30). Pool 4: Cornwall v Middlesex (Redruth, 2.30); Dorset and Wilts v Berkshire (Salisbury, 2.30).
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division (2.30): Cardiff v Newbridge; Dunvant v Abertillery; Llanelli v Pontypridd; Pontypool v Newport; Swansea v Neath; Treorchy v Bridgend.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham Bullets v Doncaster Panthers (8.0). Derby Bucks v Sheffield Sharks (8.0). Sunderland Scorpions v Leopards (7.30). Worthing Bears v Leicester Riders (8.0).
BOXING: British heavyweight title (Cardiff Ice Rink): C Mitchell v J Oyebola. European flyweight title (Cardiff): R Regan (Cardiff) v L Campulaio (It, holder). British light-heavyweight title (Cardiff): C Ashley v N Piper. WBC International super-bantam-weight title (Cardiff): N Hamed (GB) v L Ramirez (Mex).
RACING: Aintree (BBC, 12.30), Ascot (BBC, 12.45), Catterick (12.40), Market Rasen (12.40), Towcester (12.55).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Bristol City v Swindon (3.0). Burnley v Sheffield United (3.0); Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton (2.55).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain v Australia (Elland Road, 2.40, BBC)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Doncaster Panthers v Leopards (5.0), Sheffield Sharks v Sunderland Scorpions (6.15).

Squash and yachting change tack for future


Barrington: support



David Miller on two men who have risen to power in the sport they love, despite opposition from those they have replaced

Two men who lead from first-hand international sporting experience were triumphantly elected president on Saturday: Jonah Barrington, the six-times British Open champion, as head of the Squash Rackets Association (SRA); and Paul Henderson, less familiar in Britain, as president of the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU).

Both are dedicated to the service of their sports, both of which are essentially participant rather than television-orientated. Both will serve their organisations in the interest of those competing, or wishing to compete; the way it should be, sport being sports-led. Both were elected controversially.

Barrington opposed the man in office, Sir Michael Edwardes. It was the first time the SRA, organisers of the world's best-known competition, had staged a contested election. Barrington had been considered strong favourite to oust Sir Michael, following many controversial decisions within the SRA, including the dismissal of two senior professional officials within two years.

On Thursday evening at his Somerset home, 36 hours before the annual general meeting, Barrington was served a writ for defamation by Sir Michael in relation to an article in *The Times* last Monday. At Saturday's meeting, Sir Michael announced to the SRA council — immediately prior to the meeting — the withdrawal of his candidacy, on account of the press criticism, alleging that the election could not be free and fair and would be "something of a farce". When the election arrived on the agenda, Paul Turton, the retiring chairman, read a letter from Sir Michael that stated there was no point in contesting the election.

However, Sir Michael had also passed a message to Barrington that inferred that if he, too, withdrew — necessitating a fresh, subsequent election — Sir Michael would also withdraw his writ. Barrington had 90 minutes to make up his mind.

Barrington, who has fought so many dogged matches on court, was predictable in his response. "There was no possibility that I was going to withdraw," he said. "There could be no other decision. My many supporters would have expected nothing less of me."

Turton had suggested to the meeting that press comment had led to a swing in postal votes of 8-1 in Barrington's favour. This is doubtful and the true figures will become apparent this week.

I understand that prior to last Monday, postal votes were 2-1 in Barrington's favour — not "even", as Turton suggested — and that, thereafter, there was only a trickle of individual postal votes. The subsequent majority from the counties was expected, for their intended alliegance had long been declared.

With Sir Michael's withdrawal, Barrington was elected unopposed. It had been suggested to Sir Michael in recent months by some SRA members that withdrawal was the sensible option, given the known volume of support for Barrington.

At the council meeting, Clive Grimley — the official nominee of the executive committee, strongly supported by Turton and Sir Michael — was defeated 26-19 by John Treharne, who had written to the council beforehand saying: "The time is over when members can keep their heads down."

Those supporting Barrington had been particularly annoyed by a letter from Peter Chalk, vice president, to all 10,000 members, suggesting that Barrington, as a coach, was unsuited to be president, and that his election was likely to jeopardise the Sports Council's grant. This was immediately repudiated by the Sports Council, but this fact was not communicated to the members.

Paul Henderson, a leading Star Class helmsman against the likes of Dennis Conner and Ted Turner and an Olympic competitor for Canada in 1964 and 1968, led Toronto's so-nearly successful bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games. He was viewed as the champion of the small yachtsman and, on Saturday, he stood from the floor against the executive committee's nominee, Peter Siemsem, of Brazil.

With late but critical support on the day — from the United States, Australia, Britain and Denmark joining sailing minorities such as Turkey — Henderson won 43-36. "I believe yachting should not try to emulate big sports," Henderson said. "It is essentially a participant sport run by volunteers and sh ·ld not be a circus. We have suffered a drop in attendance of up to 50 per cent at some major dinghy regattas. Our strength does not lie in our TV ratings."

Significantly, the IYRU/Sperry Topsiders Yachtswoman of the Year Award at Friday's gala dinner went to Theresa Zabell, the Birmingham-born Spaniard and outstanding dinghy helmswoman of the past two seasons. Henderson's election will, I believe, guide sailing down the right course.

RUGBY UNION

Late choice by Skelton brings back best form

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN MILLSTREET, CO CORK

NICK Skelton won the tenth Volvo World Cup qualifier of his distinguished career here on Saturday night after a formidable ride against the clock on the 14-year-old Everest Dollar Girl. The Warwickshire-based rider is now joint-twelfth in the European League for the World Cup from which the top 19 qualify for the final in Sweden in April.

His victory, which relegated Marion Hughes, of Ireland, on Carnival Bouncer to second place, confirmed Dollar Girl's return to form after a lean six weeks competing on the continent. Skelton, 36, who won a £17,000 car, decided only late on Saturday morning to ride his 1993 European team silver medal-winner rather than the less-experienced Showtime.

The competition, the fifth World Cup qualifier of the season, attracted the largest international field seen at Millstreet. Ten riders reached the jump-off, but not two of the favourites — Peter Charles, of Ireland, with his Glasgow Grand Prix winner, La Ina, and Alexandra Ledermann, of France, with her La Baule winner, Rochet — who both faulted in the first round.

Hughes, in contrast, had not been in the pre-match reckoning. Although she had won speed classes in Glasgow and Wembley, her name had barely been whispered on the international circuit 12 months ago. Carnival Bouncer, who she has brought on slowly from a novice, was also facing the biggest course of his career and Hughes' fitness was in doubt after a heavy fall on Friday night.

However, having dreamt about "beating Skelton and the big guys", the Kilkenny-born Hughes, 26, having been drawn first in the jump-off, decided to "give it a go". Carnival Bouncer betrayed little sign of his inexperience as he jumped neatly round the six-fence course to finish clear in 34.58sec — to tumultous cheers from the stadium as the crowd scented the first Irish victory since Jessica Chesney's in 1992.

Alison Bradley, of Britain, Skelton's stable jockey, riding Endeavour, cut more than half-a-second off her time, but paid the penalty with four faults at the oxer at fence nine. Skelton, drawn fifth, made no mistake producing a vintage performance on his former Swiss team horse to finish clear in 33.73sec and take the lead.

A tense 15 minutes followed as the seven remaining riders tried and failed to match his time. Michael Whitaker, the only other Briton in the jump-off, finished fourth, but was well compensated yesterday when he and Everest My Messieur, on which he was runner-up to David Broome in the Volvo qualifier last year, gained their second success of the show in the fast and furious Sun Alliance Speed Derby.

Stefan Lauber, of Switzerland, had held the lead for most of the 55-strong competition on Ultimee du Chemin, but Whitaker, going fourth from last, produced a mesmeric round on his 15-year-old mount, cutting nearly a second off Lauber's time.

Whitaker will now rest My Messieur and Everest Elton and take Everest Two Step and his European bronze medal-winner, Midnight Madness, to the Berlin World Cup show later this week. Skelton, whose Everest Limited Edition and Major Wager are still recovering from injury, will not compete again in a World Cup show until Olympia in London next month.

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TONY WHITE


Champions all, from left, Martina Rudd, Carol Macdonald, Katie Duff, Lindsey Peay and Nicola Macdonald see life from a different angle

Riding high under teacher's eagle eye

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BRITISH sport sometimes does not recognise the profound influence that schoolteachers have on the development of individual activities.

Take Farlington School in Horsham, Sussex, where the girls only began competing as an equestrian team eight years ago, when Sue Beaveridge first entered them in a national event. This year, they became National Schools Equestrian Association champions for the second successive year. Farlington may not have its own riding facilities like Stonar, in Wiltshire, and, with only 270 girls, is relatively small even by independent standards.

It still has 33 girls in its squad, however, and takes part in 12 competitions throughout the year in dressage, show jumping and eventing. In the 1993 British Junior Trials in Windsor, Farlington had four girls in the top 20 competitors.

It is a thriving example of how the skilled enthusiasm of the school's physical education teacher can generate national success in an Olympic sport.

As Beaveridge points out, teachers are the first and main people, apart from parents, to introduce children to sport. She remembers reading how a schoolteacher encouraged Alan Pascoe, who suffered from asthma as a boy, to take up athletics. He went on to win the European and Commonwealth 400 metres hurdles titles.

Although Beaveridge is someone who had ridden Gatcombe twice in her life, she does not exclusively coach riding. She was a county netball and tennis player and runs the south-east England volleyball squad. "The important thing is to encourage the girls to do something that they want to do after they leave school," she said.

Riding is a demanding sport, requiring strength in the legs, balance and control. Beaveridge compares it to the varied qualities needed for the decathlon — but carried out on horseback. Many of the rewards come from the mental disciplines, she believes. "You have to be fearless going into jumps. It is good for the girls' self-esteem, but the sport is a good leveller. You can win a medal one day and fall off the horse the next.

"We have a real club atmosphere at the school here and we try not to make it at all bitchy."

Beaveridge is particularly conscious of the need for safety, as there have been five deaths in the last five years in junior and adult eventing in the United Kingdom. "I have pulled teams out of competitions if the course is too dangerous — and would again," she said.

Many of the girls are already enthusiastic riders before they come to Farlington School. They ride at home and can train on Friday afternoons, when the sport is a PE option.

The sport is expensive. A trailer and horse-box will cost between £2,000 and £10,000, although these are not essential. A pony will be the same amount, however, and it will also cost between £2,000 and £5,000 a year to keep a horse at this level. Some girls get a pony on loan, but many have their own.

Their eyes come alight with pleasure when they start talking about handling animals. Nicola Macdonald, 17, the head girl, will probably need two A grades and a B at A-level if she is to study veterinary science at university. Love of animals is not enough — just as it is not enough for eventing. You need talent and dedication.

Lindsey Peay is 12 and does a wide range of sport. Why does she enjoy riding so much? "It is more thrilling, more dangerous — I like that," she said.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Jansher holds off powerful English challenge

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN YOKOHAMA

WHEN three Englishmen reached the semi-final stages of the JSM Super Squash '94 competition in Yokohama, at the weekend, it was the first time England had been so well represented at this stage of such a highly-ranked event. Unfortunately for them, the fourth semi-finalist was Jansher Khan, the world champion.

Peter Marshall and Simon Parke made the first game of one semi-final last two minutes longer than the entire match between Jansher and Tony Hands, which was over in 42 minutes.

Parke led 8-5 and 13-11 in that first game, but lost it in a rush of penalty strokes in the backhand court: "You just cannot make mistakes like that against Marshall." Parke said, after the double-handed British champion had beaten him 15-13, 15-6, 15-8 in 89 minutes. "He just never gives them back to you it is like playing Jansher himself."

Yesterday's final, especially in the second game, which lasted 31 minutes, proved Parkes's point. Jansher was superior again, defeating Marshall 15-9, 17-14, 15-9 in 73 minutes, but in that second game, Marshall led 8-5 and 14-12 and might have clinched it had the referee, Desmond Hill, of Singapore, been prepared to penalise Jensher for habitual blocking on both side, rather than deliver two soft let calls in sucession .

In the next rally, Marshall saved six or seven potential winners only to be frustrated by another punishing forehand straight kill. Finally, he hunted the ball through about 100 strokes until, at last, a measured forehand passing shot from the Pakistani master eluded his groping racket. "Next time," Marshall said afterwards.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Hands (Eng) 15-5, 15-9 15-6 P Marshall (Eng) bt S Parke (Eng) 15-13, 15-6, 15-8 Final: Jansher bt Marshall 15-9, 17-14, 15-9.

Sampras turns on power

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETE Sampras used his big service to effect yesterday, defeating Magnus Larsson, of Sweden, to retain the European Community tennis championship in Antwerp and claim a record ninth tour victory this season, although his first since Wimbledon.

Sampras, the world No 1, did not lose a set throughout the week and proved he is regaining his best form after an injury-plagued summer. Despite the 7-6, 6-4 defeat, Larsson will move into the world's top 20 for the first time.

From the start, both relied on powerful serving on the quick surface and rallies were few. Facing a break point early in the first set, Larsson slammed in two aces to get out of trouble. Sampras followed suit in the ninth game. Inevitably, the set came down to a tie-break. Larsson showed his nerves with a double fault while Sampras, of the United States, produced three of ten aces in the first set, taking the tie-break 7-5 on a winning service.

Sampras took the initiative again in the seventh game of the second set, forcing Larsson into errors for the first, and only, break of service in the match. It was all Sampras needed.

Sampras beat Jared Palmer, of the United States, 7-5, 6-3 in the semi-final on Saturday. Larsson overwhelmed Olivier Delaitre, of France 6-4, 6-3. If Sampras wins the tournament for the third time next year, he will be able to keep for good the gold-and-diamond studded racket trophy, valued at $1 million (about £625,000).

While Sampras's reign over the tournament was never in doubt, Larsson, 22, was fortunate to reach the final, surviving two deciding tie-breaks and seven match points in his last two matches. He won two indoor titles this year and will play for Sweden in the Davis Cup final against Russia in Moscow at the end of this month.

Martina Navratilova will close the final chapter in her 22-year career at the Virginia Slims championship, which begins in New York today.

After her opening match tomorrow in Madison Square Garden, a banner bearing her name will be raised to the rafters. It will hang at all future tennis events at the arena, where Navratilova, 38, has reached 12 finals in 16 appearances and won seven of her 167 singles titles.

"What I will miss most is going neck and neck with the top players when the chips are down," Navratilova said. She will get one more chance beginning with her first match against the former champion, Gabriela Sabatini.

"I'm looking forward to playing her, especially because it's her last tournament," Sabatini said, "but I'll have to forget about all that when I'm on the court and just play my best."

The tournament, this season's finale, concluding with the only best-of-five-set final in women's tennis, provides the three-times champion, Steffi Graf, with one last chance to defend one of her major 1993 titles.

The increasingly vulnerable world No 1 has won seven events this year but failed to defend her French Open, Wimbledon and US Open titles. Her task is made the more difficult by recurring back problems, which have forced her out of recent tournaments.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the runner-up last year, continues her relentless pursuit of the No 1 ranking with her sixth consecutive appearance in the event.

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian President, was on hand to see his countryman, the unseeded Alexander Volkov, defeat Chuck Adams 6-2, 6-4 to win the Kremlin Cup in Moscow yesterday.

Tigers bounce back after narrow defeat

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

AT A time when there might have been every justification for feeling sorry for themselves following their narrow elimination from European basketball competition, Thames Valley Tigers have sought solace at home by redoubling their efforts to retain the domestic titles they collected last season.

Worthing Bears and Birmingham Bullets have been the opponents to pay for the tantalising two-point aggregate margin by which the Tigers went out of the European Cup in Croatia 12 days ago. Worthing suffered in a Budweiser League fixture at Bracknell, where Birmingham also conceded their chance on Saturday of gaining a place in next month's 7-Up Trophy semi-finals.

With the further incentive of playing the final on their home court in the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham were defending a three-point lead from the first leg, but that was more than wiped out by the end of the first quarter. Helped by 12 successive points from Peter Scantlebury, who finished with 31, Thames Valley led 29-18 and retained the advantage throughout to win 97-87.

Tony Holley's supporting act of 22 points left Kurt Samuels, with 28 points, as a gallant loser for the Bullets in only his second game for them following his transfer from Manchester Giants. Nigel Lloyd, the former Tiger, also contributed 18 and kept his frustration in better check than Stedroy Baker, who was disqualified four seconds from time for throwing a punch.

Worthing, Thames Valley's fellow qualifiers from the south, introduced Kriss Akabusi, the Olympic 400 metre hurdler, for their home tie against London Towers, who won 85-82.

The Northern qualifiers are Doncaster Panthers and Sheffield Sharks, who have gained their place at the expense of Manchester Giants. Consolation for the Giants came readily in the 112-71 Budweiser League victory over Hemel Hempstead Royals, whose early 10-4 lead promptly evaporated in the face of a storming 30-2 burst from the Giants, who were, nevertheless, seemingly far from content with the overwhelming margin of their victory.

Of the three technical offences incurred by them, one, inevitably, went against the name of their American coach, Mike Hanks, who has only just returned from a spell of suspension.

When Cup plans go awry

For a non-League football club that has survived the qualifiers, the very best 19 days of the year occur between publication of the draw for the first round of the FA Cup and the playing of the match. These are the days of hope.

Gresley Rovers, who on Saturday were only seven goals from going through to the next stage, will have pencilled in the dates of second, third, fourth and subsequent rounds: discussed whether a home tie against Man United should be transferred (for the money) or retained (for the sake of our loyal fans). And they will have investigated alternate means of transport to Wembley in May.

Planning for the future, when they know deep down that there is no future, is what the competition is about ... which may be why the first round is contested on or around Remembrance Day: in memory of all those who have fallen over the years.

Among the men who gave their lives so that others could march on, I recall those of Oxford City a quarter of a century ago. An amateur team who play in the shadow of a few inadequate floodlights to the south of the dreaming spires, their colours were blue and white — possibly still are blue and white, for the decision to change strip is taken by marketing men, of whom such clubs would have none.

I was at the ground on that day, standing among local supporters who were well-mannered, knowledgeable and dedicated, though not as numerous as had been expected. "About 6,000," said a man glancing around the shallow terraces with an experienced eye. "Never," said a colleague. "Shut up," said the first man, "folk are listening."

The great thing about contests of this nature is the high-octane optimism prevailing before kick-off, resulting in the purchase of favours inscribed "Us for the Cup", the singing of "We are the greatest", the swaying in unison — precursor to the Mexican wave — and the joyous, irresponsible rushes onto the field of play from which the perpetrator is removed by the police.

At Oxford, the crowd was too thin to allow a sway and their reputation as scholars rather than hooligans caused the unbriefed policeman to stand and smile at pitch invaders. As a consequence, men who had risked an afternoon in the cells by racing into the centre circle were ignored ... and eventually shuffled back in some embarrassment.

Swansea, the amateur side's professional opponents, strolled into the match as if they had never heard of giantkillers. At the end of a good clean game in which the home team, for whom Pentecost excelled, gave away an unnecessary penalty and the Welshmen went through by this only goal. Yet if victory was merited, it was not the 11 men on the field but the 100 travelling supporters who deserved praise: while the Oxford supporters nodded and occasionally applauded, the Welsh sang. Up and down the scale did they chant from "the referee is blind" (performed in melodious semitone) to an operatic rendition of *Men of Harlech*.

During the last 15 minutes, they gave us "Oxford fans are very silent" to the tune of the German national anthem, but by then a lot of Oxford fans were also very absent.

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EDUCATION

Next week's school league tables will be full of anomalies — so the independents have brought out their own version, says **Dick Davison**

The league tables: too straight, too narrow

Millions of parents will study the Government's school league tables when they are published this month, taking them as the *official guide to schools' examination performances*. But hundreds of independent schools will be inaccurately represented in those tables, because of the way the statistics are assembled. The results of thousands of "over-age" candidates will be *ignored*, while the results of others will be counted twice.

Four pupils at Red House School, Cleveland, for example — David Addison, Stephen Arkley, Kristian Stephenson and Iain Taylor — got 34 GCSE A-C grades between them. But not a single one will be credited to the school because they were all too old to be counted.

Another four, at Adcote School, in Shropshire, will also have their GCSE results this year ignored. Susan Cecchet, the headmistress, explains: "Two are Chinese girls who dropped back a year in order to master the English language first. The other two are English girls who joined us during the course of Year 10 from schools which had been doing different exam boards, and they therefore repeated the year. They were recorded last year as girls who did not sit an examination; their actual results this year, which were very creditable, were not recognised."

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, last week met the mounting anger of independent schools when she reiterated her department's policy to the Girls' Schools Association. The anomalies arise from the Department for Education's insistence that only the GCSE results of pupils aged 15 at the beginning of the school year should be recorded, rather than the results of the whole examination cohort, regardless of their age. Independent schools, which enter candidates for examinations when they are ready for them, suffer particularly from this bureaucratic mulishness.

It is boarding schools above all, many of them providing a *highly supportive* education for late-developing children and with a significant number of overseas students, whose true results are most distorted. Candidates like these, who take their GCSEs later than their peer group, are shown as achieving nothing *during the* year in which their sixteenth birthday falls, and *never* have their actual GCSE achievement recorded.

Other pupils, in a bizarre statistical twist, will have their results recorded twice. Girl entrants to the sixth form of "top" A-level school Westminster who take one GCSE as part of their studies are counted — if they qualify by age — as part of Westminster's GCSE cohort.

In order to avoid the effect that would have on Westminster's overall record, the department has decided that those pupils should have their full GCSE tally — including last year's results — credited both to Westminster and to the school they have come from.

The Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), which publishes the GCSE and A-level results of almost all independent schools by year (rather than age) group, has just completed an analysis of this year's GCSE figures to highlight the effect of this rule.

More than 360 independent schools took part in the survey, which took one important measure (percentage of pupils achieving five or more A*-C grades at GCSE) and compared the figure already published by Isis with the one to be published by the Education department this month.

The survey showed that:

- The total number of candidates recognised by the DFE is about 5 per cent below the true figure — ie, one candidate in 20 has not been counted.
- One school in six (17 per cent) will be shown by the department to have results more than 10 per cent worse than those published by Isis.
- Of the 61 schools in this group, all but seven are boarding schools, including some of the best-known: Cheltenham, Haileybury, Harrogate Ladies' College, Harrow, Lancing, Malvern Girls' College, Repton and Uppingham.
- More than a third (37 per cent) will have results published by the DFE which are markedly worse (ie, more than 5 per cent worse) than those published by Isis.
- Under a quarter (22 per cent) of schools will suffer little or no distortion of their results — many of them for purely accidental reasons.
- 12 per cent of schools will be shown as having "better" results by the department — some of them even recording more than 100 per cent five or more A-C grades (one school has 117 per cent). This phenomenon arises because pupils who take their GCSEs before the DFE's qualifying age do have their results counted when they reach the requisite age.

But if the number of pupils being "counted back" in this way, added to the number of candidates actually taking GCSE this year, exceeds the number of 15-year-olds currently on roll, then schools can appear to have a pass rate above 100 per cent. In the same way, many of the department's results which agree with the Isis version do so for the purely coincidental reason that the number of early takers from last year is equal to the number of older pupils whose entries are discounted.

Independent schools are not unsympathetic to the department's problem, which is to produce a genuinely comparable measure of achievement across the whole population at the statutory school leaving age.

A head like Tony Little, at Chigwell School, in Essex, understands this, but says: "Ultimately the present system militates against the individual treatment of individual pupils. It produces nonsenses, like an overseas student here who got five A levels, totalling 38 Ucas points, but whose achievement was never counted because she was only a few weeks outside the age boundary."

Independent schools are not afraid of league tables — they freely publish their own results. But they are increasingly unhappy with a system which ignores the achievements of many pupils, significantly distorts the performance of most schools and therefore handicaps them in an ever-more competitive market.

● *The author is deputy director of Isis.*

ROBIN MAYES



Pupils at Rugby School, where the discrepancy between the official results and those of Isis is 13 per cent

HOW THE RESULTS COMPARE

In the results of the schools below there is a discrepancy of 10 per cent or more between the official results and the Isis version:

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Aldenham School	Elstree	83.6	66.7	-17.0
Ayton School	Great Ayton	75.0	58.3	-16.7
Baston School	Bromley	95.7	75.0	-20.7
Bedgebury School	Cranbrook	74.7	64.3	-10.1
Beechwood Sch Sacred Heart	Tunbridge Wells	90.9	58.6	-32.3
Bethany School	Cranbrook	88.2	50.9	-17.3
Blundell's School	Tiverton	97.5	86.0	-11.5
Canford School	Wimborne	100.0	89.0	-11.0
Cheltenham College	Cheltenham	98.8	83.1	-15.7
Ellesmere College	Ellesmere	84.2	72.9	-11.3
Friends School	Saffron Walden	60.0	50.0	-10.0
Gresham's School	Holt	100.0	88.0	-12.0
Haileybury	Hertford	86.9	86.7	-12.2
Harrogate Ladies' College	Harrogate	92.9	82.8	-10.0
Harrow School	Harrow on the Hill	99.4	86.5	-12.9
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St Elphin's School	Matlock	92.9	69.2	-23.6
Saint Felix School	Southwold	95.8	84.1	-11.7
St James's and The Abbey	West Malvern	84.4	73.3	-11.0
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St Joseph's College	Stoke on Trent	88.6	77.8	-10.9
St Mary's Hall	Brighton	91.9	77.8	-14.1
St Teresa's School	Dorking	100.0	84.5	-15.5
Selwyn School	Gloucester	71.4	56.4	-15.0
Sherborne School	Sherborne	100.0	88.1	-11.9
Shiplake College	Henley-on-Thames	56.2	44.1	-12.2
Stoner School	Melksham	76.4	63.9	-12.5
Stowe School	Buckingham	93.7	78.6	-15
Tettenhall College	Wolverhampton	75.9	64.2	-11.7
Thorpe Hall School	Southend-on-Sea	69.0	50.0	-19.0
Uppingham School	Uppingham	92.6	81.8	-10.7
Ursuline Convent School	Westgate-on-Sea	89.7	76.9	-12.7
Wellington College	Crowthorne	99.3	89.3	-10.0

* The scores relate to the percentage of GCSE candidates getting five A-C grades. The first line records the schools' own total, as published by Isis, and the second as per the Government's rules.

My rough old week on a student grant

Alan Fowlie, a university administrator, and colleagues found out what student life was really like

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30: HALF an hour in a local supermarket famed for its low prices will prove a sound investment when my week begins tomorrow — £6.17, and 25 items. My wife's birthday. I take her and my daughter out for a pub meal, which costs £23.10 (exactly my allowance for next week).

SUNDAY
Move into university accommodation and meet my flatmates: Craig from Essex (second year, senior resident and streetwise), Charmaine from London, Fina from Tanzania, Gabby from Bradford, Koen from Holland (Maastricht) and Nikki from Middlesbrough. Decide not to put my posters up tonight.

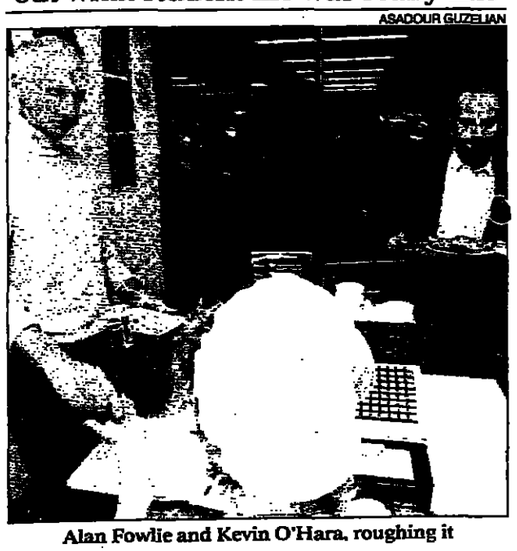
MONDAY
Slept like a log. Not a sound from any of my flatmates by the time I set forth on my bike at 7.45am.

After my regular Monday morning meeting the rest of the day is consumed by telephone calls, radio and television interviews and photo opportunities with the local and national media. . "Role reversal," says the university's pubic relations officer. "They can't resist it."

First difficult decision of the week: I decline an invitation from the senior pro-vice-chancellor to join him for an evening meal (I suspect the union president has put him up to this); we settle for a pint in a nearby pub, for which he pays. Back to the house for another photoshoot, this time surrounded by my bemused flatmates whose only aim tonight is to prepare for our Hallowe'en party. "Bring a bottle," says Koen: my finely-tuned internal cash register rings up "minimum of £1.99, and it's only Monday".

Vegetable soup, crackers and small packet of mixed nuts for tea. At the party, everybody is lying down and it is clear that most people enjoy close relationships: those who don't seem likely to before the end of the evening. We watch *Fright Night 2* on a video that has serious vertical hold problems. I crash out about midnight when the company decides to visit a local graveyard. Notwithstanding half a bottle of red wine, I reason that, if I go, a newshound from the local newspaper is certain to turn up. "Campus Chief Convenes Coven" I can do without.

ASADOUR GUZELIAN



Alan Fowlie and Kevin O'Hara, roughing it

TUESDAY
Slept like another log; kitchen looks like a badly assembled set for *When the Wind Blows*. I receive my first batch of "fan mail"; virtually all from the parents or grandparents of students, wishing us well in our modest experiment, but some exhorting judicious use of oatmeal and herrings and avoidance of fizzy drinks! Lunch comprises a very large sandwich (£1.20), can of Coke, two apples and a banana.

WEDNESDAY
The realisation that I am going to have severe problems in surviving *until Saturday* on my allowance is reinforced by the fact that one of my colleagues is already in overdraft mode and another, Kevin O'Hara, the university's director of finance, seems likely to follow tomorrow.

Tonight is the launch of the University of Hull's School of Postgraduate Medicine. I attend the formal sessions but pass on the five-course dinner in favour of corned beef, beans on toast, sliced peaches and the weekly "Loud Music Night". In deference to their elderly flatmate, it has been agreed that Sixties music will be played. Beach Boys, Supremes, Kinks, Marvin Gaye etc — I loved it.

THURSDAY
My first bad night; woke at 5.20am, having had a vivid dream about a steak. Couldn't get back to sleep so went for a run. Breakfast — nuts, dates, dried figs and coffee.

A full day of meetings deferred from Monday when the world's media (Michael Heseltine, Osvaldo Ardiles and Claudia Schiffer all being unavailable) descended upon the University of Hull. Invited to join the president of the union, Mark Moody, for a pint tonight, I elect for a "fruit only" lunch, reasoning that he would probably buy me my *evening meal* as a gesture of good will (in retrospect, I realise that the lack of food was already affecting my thought processes). Although Mark did buy me a pint of bitter, on the food front he was mean, moody and far from magnificent. A tasty and very filling cheeseburger and chips (£1.85) in the Union moved me closer to the insolvency line.

FRIDAY
My second bad night; woke at 5.45am, having had a vivid dream about Claudia Schiffer. Decide against the run this time and just have the shower. Media interest resurfaces and continues throughout the day. Nikki suggests that they will be looking for bodies; certainly, my 10st 12lb one has diminished by 5lb since Saturday — but I don't think that's what she means. Breakfast no problem. Lunch: two bananas, an apple and a packet of nuts. I have just enough money to join work colleagues for our customary end-of-week drink (singular). With Saturday's breakfast and lunch already *taken care of, I reckon that I* will have 31p left from my initial allowance of £23.10 when I return home on Saturday night.

SATURDAY
As I unpack, my wife notes that I have not availed myself of the launderette facilities in the Union and is unmoved by my plea for a housekeeping rebate.

So what conclusions do I draw from all this? The good news is to have confirmation that today's students are very little different from my generation back in the Swinging Sixties — the vast majority are sensible, concerned young people who play hard (certainly) but who work hard, too. The downside is that a very substantial number of them have a series of financial problems and associated worries undreamt of by me and my peers of 30 years ago.

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EDUCATION

POSTS

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Candidates should be professional librarians (ALA-accredited MLS preferred) and have extensive experience in a North American academic library, including supervision of staff and automation systems. A second Masters degree and fluent French are required.

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EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL
The GOS Hospital For Children NHS Trust, Great Ormond Street, London, WC1N 3JH

Pursuant to section 32 of the Educational Act 1993 as applied by regualtion 5 of the Educaton (Grant-maintained Special Schools) Regulation 1994, the governing body of The Children's Hospital School hereby give notice that:-

1: The governing body of The Children's Hospital School has published proposals for the school to become a grant-maintained Special Hospital School under section 32 of the Education Act 1993 as applied by Regulation 5 of the Education (Grant-maintained Special Schools) Regulations 1994, and submitted them to the Secretary of State for Education for her determination.

2: The proposed date of implementation of the proposals is 1st April 1995.

3: If the proposals are approved, the school will on that date

(i) cease to be maintained by Camden local education authority; and

(ii) be conducted by a newly constituted governing body incorporated under section 198 (5) and maintained by grants paid by the funding authority.

4. If the school becomes a grant-maintained Special Hospital School, it is proposed to adopt the following arrangements with respect to the admissions of pupils to the school:-

Pupils will be admitted to The Children's Hospital School

a) when they are registered patients of The GOS Hospital For Children NHS Trust;

b) when there is a need for hospital treatment, as an inpatient, either short stay, long stay or recurring;

c) when there is a need for regular treatment as an out-patient;

d) when they are siblings, of registered long-stay patients, who are unable to attend their own school;

e) when they have a statement of special educational needs naming the hospital school;

It is proposed to admit pupils up to the current maximum weekly turnover of 127. At present the school provides teaching for a daily roll of 91 pupils and the roll according to The Local Management of School (LMS). Place factor is 90. The bed complement of the hospital is 350.

5) The proposals may be inspected at Holborn Public Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London WC1 or by appointment at the school office.

6) Paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Education Act 1993 provides that within two months of the date of publication of proposals *any of the following may* submit objections to the proposals to the Secretary of State for Education:

(i) any ten or more local government electors;

(ii) the governors of any school affected by the proposals;

(iii) any local education authority concerned.

Objections should be made to

Department for Education
Mr Paul Jackson
Pupils and Parents Branch
Sanctuary Buildings
Great Smith Street
Westminster
London Sw1 P3BT

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

University of Durham

Director of the Information Technology Service

This senior managerial post requires substantial experience of successfully managing Information Technology services in Higher Education or similar public or commercial organisations. The person appointed will be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the effective management and operation of the IT service which has responsibility for:

- the University's network
- the operation of its new distributed computing system and facilities for research and teaching
- the provision of support for academic, management and administrative applications
- education and training in *the use of information technology*

Applicants must be forward looking, possess drive and enterprise, excellent leadership and management skills, and the ability to work in partnership with other senior staff to enable the service to meet the University's objectives.

Initial salary by negotiation. Appointment from the soonest practicable date.

For informal discussion of the post, please contact Dr Peter Collins, Pro Vice Chancellor on 091-374 2945 or Mr Jack Boyd, Director of Personnel.

Further details may be obtained from the Director of Personnel, University of Durham, *Old Shire Hall*, Durham, DH1 3HP, tel: 091-374 3140, fax: 091-374 4747, e-mail: l.a.ellis@durham.ac.uk., to whom applications (5 copies) should be submitted, including the names of three referees, by Friday, 16 December 1994. (Candidates outside the British Isles may submit one copy only). Please quote reference CO19.

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,484.50	Abbey Nat	418½	+ ½	4.7	14.0
1,653.30	Allied Irish	248	- 9	5.1	9.5
2,342.50	Aus New Z	178	+ 2	5.3	26.7
9,319.50	Bank America	2662½	- 25		
2,444.90	Bank Scotland	209½	+ 2½	3.2	11.8
9,886.00	Barclays	605½	+ 18½	3.4	18.7
1,338.00	Bk of Ireland	282	- 4	5.2	8.8
11,045.80	Citicorp	2837½	- 12½		
207.00	Close Bros	229	- 3	4.1	*
4,292.00	Commerzbk	£131¼	+ 278¼	6.2	
33,817.90	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1084½	- 28½	0.5	
14,696.80	Deutsche Bk	£307¾	+ 915¾	2.2	...
188.90	Espirito Santo	684½	+ 90½	4.2	4.5
112.30	First Nat Fin	60½	- 1½	2.8	
37,527.50	Fuji Bank Y	1295½	- 80½	0.4	
385.20	Hambros	218	- 10	8.6	8.9
6,135.70	HSBC†	721	- 12	4.2	10.4
12,678.80	HSBC Hk†	724½	- 12½	4.2	10.5
22.00	Joseph (L)	418	...	5.2	12.2
633.80	Kleinwort Ben	473	- 7	5.1	8.4
7,360.50	Lloyds	567½	- 6½	5.1	11.2
6,699.40	Nat Aust Bk	493	+ 7	5.8	10.4
8,811.60	Nat West	515	+ 9	4.7	9.6
106.20	Ottoman Bank	2125	- 75	6.8	*
24.00	Rea Bros	61		1.9	17.1
3,588.50	Royal Bk Scot	448	- 4	3.3	20.3
1,386.00	Schroders	1365	+ 2	1.7	12.5
361.10	Schroders N/V	1245	- 10	1.9	11.4
190.20	Singer & Fried	82	+ 1	4.8	10.6
2,754.20	Stand Chart	286	- 3	2.8	9.8
3,481.00	TSB	227½	- 2½	4.4	11.5
1,423.40	Warburg SG	647	+ 28	4.3	11.7
5,037.80	Wells Fargo†	9093½	+ 168½	3.0	...
3,631.50	Westpac	199½	- 4½	2.7	
18.50	Wintrust	218	.	5.9	14.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.42	Ascot Hldgs	2			
4,775.30	Bass	547	- 8	4.8	14.3
306.90	Boddington	253	+ 3½	4.1	13.6
38.10	Burtonwd Brw	183	+ 1	3.5	15.2
32.30	Eldridge P 'A'	166	- 2	2.7	23.0
1,770.40	Fosters Brewing	55	+ 2	5.1	
76.50	Fuller Sm 'A'	375	- 3	2.6	15.5
852.70	Greenall Grp	408	+ 1	3.8	15.6
227.20	Greene King	537	+ 8	3.0	14.9
64.20	Hardy Hanson	357		4.3	13.1
3.48	Heavitree	150		3.4	13.5
103.40	Holt J	3448	- 52	1.8	19.0
141.80	Mansfield	220	- 3	2.5	13.1
274.50	Marston Thmp	305	- 1	2.4	15.8
109.10	Morland	505		2.5	16.9
7.54	Paramount†	7½		3.3	
39.60	Regent Inns†	269	+ 2	2.5	
4,218.80	SA Breweries	1518½	- 40½	1.9	23.9
2,686.00	Scot & New	503	- 12	4.2	14.9
337.80	Vaux Group	242	+ 7	5.0	15.6
158.20	Wetherspoon JD†	437	+ 28	1.9	24.1
2,863.40	Whitbread	547½	- 22½	4.3	15.9
352.80	Wolvrhmptn D	532		3.1	14.9
73.00	Yates Bros	188	+ 13	2.0	23.1
14.40	Young 'A'	495	...	3.8	19.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
54.20	Abbey	140	..	4.7	10.2
52.70	Allen	163	- 2	4.8	19.3
196.10	Amec†	97	- 1	3.9	56.0
11.00	Andrews Sykes	77	+ 4		
133.90	Ashtead	445	- 7	1.5	28.1
48.70	Avonside†	112	- 1½	4.9	13.1
3.55	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	- 1	2.6	20.8
6.92	Barcom	37		5.9	4.4
315.00	Barratt Devt	173	+ 4	4.3	
384.80	Beazer Homes†	137	+ 3	4.9	10.8
198.50	Bellway	203	- 5	4.4	
14.40	Bellwinch	32	- 1		28.1
294.50	Berkeley Gp	380		2.3	15.8
25.10	Bell Bros	187	+ 2	2.1	8.3
63.90	Boot (Henry)†	245	- 4	3.4	12.1
10.30	Brandon Hire	73	+ 2	3.6	
19.10	Br Bldg & Eng	170		3.1	10.3
380.70	Bryant†	137	+ 5	4.6	15.4
49.40	CALA	115	- 1	3.0	15.9
5.63	Campbell & Arm	38			
6.02	Clarke T	49		3.2	41.6
115.20	Costain	22½	- 1½		
94.80	Countryside	124	- 4	4.1	27.5
85.40	Crest Nicholson	86	+ 2	2.3	16.0
18.30	Cussins	103	- 5	4.1	12.4
10.70	Edmund Hldgs†	21	+ 1	1.8	
31.90	Eve Group	325	- 3	4.2	13.3
22.20	Galliford†	25	- 1	5.0	
1.55	Gibbs & Dandy	89		3.8	
84.80	Gleeson (MJ)	840		2.1	
6.24	Green (Ernest)	81	- 2	9.3	25.0
45.90	Havelock Europ	178		2.1	16.1
339.70	Hewden-Stuart	148		2.5	17.0
64.90	Higgs & Hill	98	+ 2	3.2	
5.63	Howard Hldgs	22	- 1	4.5	20.5
3.79	Jarvis	10½			
61.60	Keller	110		4.3	12.8
108.10	Laing (J)†	236		4.8	21.3
39.50	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	98½	+ ½	8.1	
11.50	Lon Clydeside	137	+ 2	4.7	17.6
29.20	Lovell (YJ)	73	- 1		
54.50	Maunders (J)†	218	- 1	3.2	
133.40	McAlpine (A)†	193	- 2	4.2	28.3
56.00	McCarthy & S	57		1.1	
179.00	Mowlem (J)	102½		2.4	
255.60	Persimmon	219	+ 1	5.3	16.4
18.70	Pochins	1800	+ 168½	2.3	17.9
101.60	Prowting	131		3.5	19.7
99.70	Raine Ind†	53		7.1	11.0
9.71	Swift-Rire	62		1.5	29.2
38.30	Sherrill Hldgs	364	- 1	1.5	34.2
5.23	Shorco	112		4.1	15.7
22.50	Smart (J)	223	+ 3	4.9	
90.80	Spandex	230	- 8	1.3	18.5
50.50	Tay Homes†	173	- 2	4.7	12.7
548.20	Taylor Woodrw	131	+ 1	1.7	32.0
192.30	Tilbury Dougls†	569		7.2	43.6
5.75	Tops Hire	56		2.0	29.2
15.20	Try Group	22	- 1	2.8	
57.60	Vibroplant	125	+ 9	3.6	33.0
77.50	Wainhomes	124½		4.2	13.4
30.00	Ward Hldgs	57		1.1	
100.60	Westbury†	151	- 2	4.5	13.7
30.10	Wiggins	6½			
345.40	Wilson (C)	182	+ 8	2.9	15.1
324.10	Wilson Bowdn	347	+ 3	3.4	15.5
487.20	Wimpey G	135	- 3	4.9	20.2

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.90	Albrighton	15	- 1	4.2	14.4
105.10	Alumasc	338	+ 2	2.2	*
21.40	Amberley Gp	50		2.5	27.3
1,526.50	BPB Ind	305	+ 8	3.3	20.6
48.00	Baggeridge Brk	121	- 2	3.2	22.8
203.60	Barlow†	384	+ ½	6.8	
318.00	Beroford Int	213	+ 4		
15.90	Blockleys†	64		1.8	
2,184.00	Blue Circle†	300	+ 14	4.7	21.3
25.60	Breedon PLC	90		6.4	35.8
22.80	Br Dredging†	130		5.4	15.6
1,245.60	CRH	354	+ 6	2.7	18.0
2.15	Calebread Roy	41			
127.20	Cape	235	- 2	5.9	14.9
1,638.50	Caradon†	274	- 1½	4.0	15.2
234.90	Carclon Int	130½		6.9	
4.62	Chelten Gp	54		8.1	10.8
1.53	Dyson (J&J)	99	+ 4	4.4	14.9
8.68	Dyson 'A'	72		6.1	10.8
11.60	Eclipse Blinds	8½		2.8	
68.00	Evered	315	+ 1	3.1	18.7
38.50	Erith	60	- 4	2.9	33.8
198.30	Graham Grp	173	+ 12	3.3	16.5
110.00	Halstead (J)†	368	- 6	2.5	17.0
757.20	Hepworth†	312	+ 19	5.9	17.7
7.44	Hewetson	80	+ 1	2.0	
3.30	Hewitt (J)	100		2.2	
291.50	Heywd Wms	304	+ 16	5.6	17.1
187.80	Ibstock	75		1.7	
38.80	Johnston†	272		2.1	32.7
43.90	Lilleshall†	155		3.8	16.2
407.10	Marley	142		3.7	16.8
175.00	Marshalls	143		3.7	17.5
510.30	Meyer Int	405	+ 5	3.3	17.1
200.70	Newman Tonks	166		4.8	21.0
203.80	Norcros	120	- 2	7.3	21.5
3.83	Phoenix Timber	11	- 1		
1,466.70	Pilkington	184	- 12	2.7	79.1
208.50	Polypipe	132	- 1	2.2	15.3
1,970.00	RMC Grp†	1000		2.7	20.7
4.56	Ramus	19			
2,402.70	Redland†	465	- 3	6.7	21.5
14.70	Rockell	98		5.5	
781.70	Rugby Group†	123	+ 6	3.5	15.9
20.50	Russell (A)†	89		3.2	18.3
4.13	SMP	16½	- ½	1.5	23.0
36.20	Sharpe & Fisher†	175		3.1	12.8
182.50	Sheffield Insl†	248	+ 1	2.8	19.9
201.70	Spring Ram	44½	+ ½	1.4	
1,195.60	Tarmac†	130	+ 7	5.3	
17.50	Tilon	160		3.4	13.6
311.60	Travis Perkins	304	+ 5	3.4	18.7
2.62	Tudor	24		1.3	
11.70	Unigroup	37	- 3		
1.27	Waterhouse	51			
332.30	Wickes†	91	+ 1	1.8	20.4
53.30	Wilshaw	64	+ 2½	1.2	26.3
2,161.50	Wolseley	785	+ 1	2.7	15.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
20.70	Acqto Ltd	2½			
21.50	Ace Hold	98	- 4		
225.43	Atwoods	115	+ 1	5.4	
3.57	Bailey (CH)	6½			
10.60	Black Arrow	43	+ 2	7.6	10.5
3.08	Br Bloodstock	79	+ 5		70.9
3.43	Card Gp	6	- ½		16.7
2.25	Chemex	7¼	+ 1		
15.40	Cosalt	135		5.8	
55.50	Filofax	210		1.0	20.8
58.80	Havelock	247		3.0	17.6
119.50	Leigh	181	- 3	5.4	16.6
29.02	Hobo Gp	229	+ 2	3.3	14.7
143.90	Photo-Me†	237	+ 7	1.5	24.7
18.50	Plant & Gen	58	+ 4	3.8	*
173.20	Pickbrook	173		2.5	20.4
1.39	Porth Group	7¼	+ ¼		
16.30	Rodime	11			
171.30	Shanks & McEwan	93	- 2	4.4	
39.50	Sinclair (Wm)†	181	+ 7	4.9	13.9
1,905.30	[illegible] Mgt Intl	508	+ 12		19.2

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
684.80	Allied Colloids	130	- 7	2.2	20.9
30.50	Amber Ind	780		3.2	16.2
7,510.20	BASF DM	£128¾	+ 278¼	7.3	
3,366.10	BOC	704	- 1	4.1	29.7
385.00	BTP	285	- 8	4.4	18.0
9,409.60	Bayer DM50	£140¾	- 168¼	6.4	
75.60	Brent Chemcl	111	- 3	4.5	
498.10	Br Vita	228	- 8	4.1	17.0
2.48	Carconnips Inc	19			
51.50	Canning (W)†	182		5.0	30.8
1,817.50	Courtaulds	451	- 8	4.1	36.4
461.70	Croda†	349	+ 3	3.1	15.0
14.30	Doeflex	135		4.3	15.3
19.60	Euro Colour	65	- 1	2.2	23.2
12.50	Gibbon Lyons	138		5.0	12.9
265.00	Hickson	151	+ 3	6.6	13.5
7,938.20	Hoechst	£134¼	- 46¼	5.5	
28.10	Holliday Chem	221		2.5	18.1
5,466.20	ICI	755	- 18	4.5	61.0
193.50	Kalon	144¾	+ ½	3.8	13.7
1,372.60	Laporte†	718	+ 19	3.7	18.2
28.70	MTM	80	- 1	0.8	
120.70	Manders	304		4.1	14.8
84.70	McLeod Russel	107	- 2	7.1	16.7
19.30	Merotect	80	- 24	5.5	10.7
25,863.40	Montedison	503½	- 16	4.0	22.9
46.20	Porvair	256	+ 3	1.8	22.4
477.20	Scapa	201	- 2½	3.7	17.2
19.28	Sutcliffe Speak	34		1.8	20.2
6,589.90	Takeda Chem	757¼	+ 12½	0.9	14.8
98.40	Wardle Storeys	395	- 13	5.5	20.7
46.60	Wellington Hldg	197		3.3	18.6
58.10	Wolstenholme R	785	+ 2	3.0	16.4
176.90	Yorks Chem	384	- 8	2.7	16.6
297.80	Yule Catto†	289	+ 7	2.8	22.0

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
28.60	ABI Leis	108		4.6	14.9
55.20	Acal	286	+ 1	3.0	17.9
23.50	Adam & Harvey	548	+ 10	3.4	7.5
9.04	Alexanders	23		2.7	21.4
79.80	Appleyard	119	- 1	6.1	21.0
11.80	Ass Br Eng	4½		1.4	58.8
132.00	BSS Group	523	- 1	4.2	21.8
7.48	Bearing Power	22	- ½	4.3	14.0
15.30	Bletchley Mtr	249	- 9	6.3	10.3
1.36	Bepnd 'A'	38		3.1	
16.40	Boustead	25	- 1	4.1	
152.00	Bramwell	340		4.8	18.9
4.41	Bridgend Gp	16	+ ½	1.8	
20.20	Brit Fittings	85	- 5	3.3	
15.90	Brown & Tawse	48	+ ½		
37.00	Burndene	35	- 1	7.1	10.2
8.89	Callyns	268	- 2	5.4	18.1
28.30	Cooker Plc	30	- ½	4.6	18.2
13.00	Central Mtr	95		4.6	23.5
15.00	Cook (DC)	35	- 3½	3.6	10.7
333.40	Cowie	233	- 6	4.4	11.4
33.80	Dag Motors	140		5.8	16.1
26.10	Dennans El	597		7.4	16.7
239.30	Diploma	428	- 11	3.7	17.1
584.20	Electrocomponents	468	+ 8	2.8	20.3
40.00	Electron House	158		3.5	16.3
209.90	Ellis & Everard	252	- 6	3.8	18.6
101.50	Eurotoffer	207	+ 4	5.1	16.2
61.60	European Mtr	115	+ 4	4.6	12.0
150.70	Evans Halshaw	404		4.4	12.7
688.80	Farnell Elect†	511		2.0	21.0
7.39	Fife Indmar	60		5.7	8.8
19.90	Gardiner	18½	+ ½	5.1	8.8
6.44	Glencheven	22			24.3
6.64	Gommoss	73		3.4	22.2
25.70	Hallin Hldgs	78	+ 5		54.6
130.20	Henlys	273		3.4	14.6
2.93	Holders Tech	64	- 1	8.0	10.2
45.10	ISA Intl†	113		1.9	14.1
2,240.80	Inchcape†	426	- 9	4.4	14.2
6.28	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
265.50	Kwik-Fit	154	- 4	3.2	17.7
326.80	Lex Service	345	- 16	4.9	13.2
37.40	Lookers	192	+ 2	4.5	12.0
23.10	Malaya Grp	74		1.3	
35.00	Middlesex	6½			
44.20	Norbain	425	- 15	0.7	20.4
15.30	Northamber	90		1.1	38.2
13.70	PCT	155		6.0	15.0
101.10	Pendragon	262	+ 16	3.6	17.2
41.70	Perry Grp	165		5.3	9.0
31.50	Quicks Group†	137	- 4	4.8	14.4
13.10	REA	162	+ 19	4.6	33.5
3.54	Reece	2¾			
12.60	Ross Gp	9	+ ½	2.8	
27.00	SEP Ind	33½	+ ½	3.4	15.8
13.00	TLS Range	36	- 1	3.5	14.5
126.10	Time Products	238		4.7	15.8
73.20	Vardy (Reg)	158		3.6	14.9
35.40	Wholesale Ftgs	249		5.9	
28.10	WRC Gp	16	- 1	3.9	9.0
18.10	Wyko	56	- 4	1.1	
11.30	Young (H)	68		6.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
131.50	Adwest†	160	- 3	5.9	16.3
534.40	Antofagasta†	340	- 3	1.3	27.5
15.80	Amcourt	49½		4.5	
14,978.10	Broken Hill	904	- 7	2.3	36.8
11,005.00	BTR†	302¾	- ½	5.2	16.0
13,807.40	BAT†	448	+ 14	5.8	11.7
107.80	Bibby (J)	69	+ 9	5.6	
1,262.80	Bearley Ind	48½		8.7	
12.80	Cannon St	12½			4.8
650.60	Charter	780	- 1	3.7	21.6
1,414.60	Cookson†	251	+ 3	3.2	22.7
11,815.70	Hanson	228½	+ 2	6.6	20.5
1,172.70	Hanson Cr	187	+ 2	6.7	19.0
9,973.60	Hutch Whamp	276½	- 9	2.0	20.1
3,583.90	Jardine Math	498½	- 18½	2.9	11.6
5.39	Jourdan (T)	30		4.2	23.3
1,170.90	Lonrho	151½	+ 7	3.3	41.6
38.70	Porter Chadbn	41	+ 4		
354.60	Powell Duffryn	534		5.5	15.2
29.40	Roppert	127	+ 5	7.4	14.4
2,854.40	Rothmans	430	+ 15	3.8	22.9
2,852.50	Sime Darby	162	+ 3	3.4	16.8
219.60	Staveley	193	- 14	5.6	55.4
195.10	Suter†	167	+ 6	7.0	16.1
385.20	TT Group	246	+ 7	2.2	
2,552.10	Tomkins	218½	+ 7½	4.2	14.0
874.00	Trafalgar H	81½	- 1½	1.5	
57.40	Unitate	295		3.6	15.2
580.20	Wassall†	285½	+ 8½	1.6	24.5
15.50	Wadney	10½	+ ½		
1,999.90	Williams Hldg	346	+ 1	4.7	21.4

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,518.40	East Midlands†	692	- 12	4.7	47.9
2,082.10	Eastern Grp	807	+ 4	3.6	17.7
1,585.80	London Elect	727	- 2	3.9	11.1
952.80	Manweb	830		3.7	9.8
1,655.50	Midlands Elec	782	- 11	3.7	12.0
8,256.20	National Power	488	- 7	3.2	13.1
915.30	Northern Elec	818	- 5	3.8	10.3
615.60	Nthn Ireland	374	+ 3	3.8	10.2
1,417.00	Norweb	820	+ 5	3.5	10.8
4,304.20	PowerGen	549	- 17	2.9	12.0
1,250.50	Hydro-Elect	326		4.8	10.3
2,864.20	Scottish Power	351	- 6	4.6	11.0
1,091.00	Seeboard	435		3.4	11.5
817.10	Sth Wales	813	- 11	3.9	11.0
933.40	Sth Western	787	- 7	3.7	10.4
2,210.00	Southern Elec	815½	+ 10½	3.5	12.7
1,552.70	Yorkshire Elec	744		3.9	14.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
88.00	Acorn Comp	98	+ 6		
85.10	Alba	182	...	3.4	15.0
169.60	Amstrad†	29	...	2.2	
23.80	Arlen	32			
259.20	Astec	84	- ½	1.3	17.2
38.80	Aztec	132		2.8	10.7
1,246.80	BICC†	353	- 2	6.8	22.3
28.40	Bestec Hunter	267	- 1	4.5	
5.94	Berkeley Bus	7½			
123.50	Blick	405		3.2	16.3
560.20	Bowthorpe†	301	- 3	2.9	17.3
4.55	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½		1.8	10.2
50.10	CML Micro	271	+ 1	2.8	17.3
57.80	Chloride	24½	- 1½		67.9
12.20	Coppamore	115		4.7	
378.70	Cray Elect	159½	- 9½	1.8	18.6
62.20	Crabley	444		2.3	19.8
619.70	Dania Bs Sys	326	+ 4	0.6	27.7
686.50	Dellat	462	+ 19	4.0	19.8
135.20	Domino	510	- 9	2.1	21.9
60.80	Dowding Mills	68	+ 3½	4.7	24.8
93.40	Druck	1460		0.9	27.2
2,392.20	Electrolux 'B'	3303¾	+ 153¼	1.7	54.1
32.30	Emess	30½		0.4	
7,558.30	Ericsson 'B'	3805½	+ 128¼		
31.00	Eurocopy	64		3.5	18.9
353.70	Eurotherm	397	+ 19	1.6	23.5
283.90	Farny Group†	377	+ 8	2.1	19.9
16.10	Forward Gp	195		3.2	11.7
15.00	Forward Tech†	44		2.1	9.1
7,799.90	GEC	283	- 3½	4.8	14.2
211.40	Gestetner	107		2.2	
92.90	Graseby	144	- 1	5.2	13.5
50.30	Ind Control	126	- 2	5.0	
153.80	Kenwood Appl	253	- 28½	3.5	16.4
305.90	Kewshaw (A)	880	+ 15	3.9	40.5
6.68	Kode	71	+ 9	7.0	
4.22	LPA Ind	47	- 7	4.3	
57.10	MTL Inst	317		1.7	19.1
124.00	Meowai-Sw	252	- 6	2.1	19.6
21.70	Microtec	34	- 1½		
238.60	Misel	226	+ 5		
30.30	Murray Ent	114		2.2	
8.41	Orbis	33		2.8	
3.29	Pacer Systems†	70		6.3	25.3
101.50	Pectr	85	+ 1	5.0	21.4
6,387.20	Philips Lmp nv	1929¾	- 96½	0.9	8.8
14.20	Philips Fn 4%	£110	+ 1000	5.2	
33.60	Pilco	354		1.6	24.3
22.90	Pifco 'A' Vtg	332		1.7	22.8
5.30	Plasmec	114	+ 1	4.1	
26.60	Prestact	108	+ 6	3.5	
11.00	Prestwick	27			
56.80	Psion	253	+ 1	1.4	17.7
694.90	Racal Elect	248	+ 6	2.1	20.4
9.59	Radamec†	52		4.6	14.3
122.80	Rexbro	227	- 3	2.5	16.6
6.21	Scantronic	22½		4.7	
97.20	Schroles Grp	253		0.8	
23.00	Silvermines	36	+ 1	2.8	21.4
6.37	Soundtracks	63		4.8	14.3
43.50	Sinn Bus	45	- 3	10.3	7.0
0.99	TDS Circuits	11			
3,879.10	TDK	2950	+ 18½	1.1	
77.80	Telemetrix	85	+ 2	1.5	10.9
19.70	TGI	92	+ 3	2.7	17.1
105.30	Telspec	332	+ 15	0.9	40.1
30.60	Thorpe FW†	246	- 21	1.6	18.0
3.53	Total Systems	35	- 1		36.4
84.00	Turnkit	256		1.8	18.3
247.50	Unitech	361	- 1	2.3	23.2
18.40	Vercy	9			
104.70	Volex	295	- 1	5.7	17.3
19.00	Wadebourne	91			
66.60	Whitecroft	150	- 5	1.7	23.7

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
21.90	ACM	155	+ 5	3.6	41.4
193.60	APV†	69½	+ 3½	8.4	
126.20	ASW	168		4.0	
15.40	Aero Hamble	27	- 1	17.3	2.7
6.65	Aerospace Eng	17½	- ½	5.4	49.6
25.60	Alvis	46	+ 2	2.7	30.0
41.80	Ash & Lacy	158		5.1	16.3
56.70	Atlas Equip†	545	- 2	6.0	18.1
11.60	Avcliffe Metal	116	- 3	1.6	
49.30	BM Gp	44½	- ½		
24.20	Babcock	29	- ½		
68.40	BTP	143		6.0	21.3
119.70	Barnes (Charles)	83	- 1	2.7	21.2
7.71	Beaconl	32			
2.45	Billam (J)	151	+ 16	4.4	9.4
181.20	Bodycote	313	+ 1	2.2	21.2
2.64	Booth Inds	66	+ 1		
12.90	Bertaby	15½	+ 1	4.0	16.8
85.20	Braden	157		3.2	
1,747.20	Br Aerospace†	461	- 7	2.4	40.5
2,158.50	Br Steel	158½	+ 3½	1.6	58.7
64.70	Bromsgrove Ind	83	+ 5	6.3	11.3
4.57	Brooke Tool	12½			
182.60	Bullough	152	- 4	5.0	25.0
24.40	Bymeld	71		3.3	30.5
13.00	CI Group	15		2.5	
153.20	Carclo Eng	250	+ 1	4.6	16.3
59.10	Castings	148	+ 4	2.3	17.2
11.60	Chamberlin Hill	160		5.3	10.0
65.40	Charnway	282	- 1	4.1	14.9
14.70	Clyde Blowers	187		2.8	52.3
243.70	Cobham	325	- 3	3.0	16.4
4.19	Cohen (A)	540		0.8	
97.90	Concentric	130	- 1	4.1	14.9
53.20	Cook (Wm)	250	- 16	3.6	11.9
124.20	David Brown†	216	- 2	3.8	15.2
97.70	Dawson Park	78		6.0	15.4
176.70	EIS	389		4.0	15.5
35.70	Elliott (B)	101	- 12	2.5	15.0
58.10	Expamet	92	- 9	3.5	65.2
716.20	FKI	160	+ 3	2.9	18.5
96.00	Fenner	139	- 5	1.4	
7.72	Fenoth	31			
28.00	GEI Int	76		2.5	21.3
4.77	Ganco Engr	125		4.6	
720.70	Glynwed†	347	- 10	4.2	20.3
57.10	Graystone	13½		2.2	11.4
74.70	Hadon MacLn	58		3.7	17.6
8.40	Hadleigh	116	- 3	2.2	13.6
47.50	Hall Eng	149	- 2	6.7	11.7
444.40	Halma	225		1.5	26.2
30.90	Harrison Ind	50½		5.0	9.6
15.20	Harris (Philip)	141	+ 1	6.1	17.4
3.90	Hay (Norman)	26			
49.30	Hill & Smith	148		4.9	16.1
41.40	Hopkinsons	53		3.1	
16.30	How Eng	39		2.4	
251.60	Howden	86½	+ ½	3.5	13.9
152.80	Huntingt	157	- 1	8.0	22.4
119.70	Hunting Tec	423		1.6	19.7
1,044.80	IMI	320	+ 8	4.0	27.2
48.40	Johnson & FB	34½	+ ½	1.3	
1,690.60	Johnson Matth	571	- 9	2.6	22.7
7.71	Jones Stroud	30			
9.83	Kelsey Ind	320	+ 1	3.1	
16.60	Linread	235	+ 2	3.7	14.6
4.35	Locker (T) A	14½	..	1.7	*
60.20	ML Hldgs	38		2.8	13.2
7.13	MS Intl	26	- 4	12.0	15.7
22.40	Mang Bronze†	138	- 6	3.7	16.6
405.20	McKechnie†	416	+ 4	4.4	15.4
162.40	Meggitt†	75	+ 2	6.5	12.1
97.30	Metalrax	107		4.4	17.8
20.20	Metsect	131		2.9	18.2
161.20	Molins	520	- 19	3.8	10.5
695.80	Morgan Crucbl	318	+ 2	5.0	15.4
24.40	Morris Ashby	209	- 1	3.6	
8.84	Neepsend	36		4.3	16.8
14.00	Nedronic	54	..	6.0	11.7
2.23	Newmark (L)	48			
20.40	OMI Intl	46	+ 2	5.1	
160.70	Oxford Inst	330	+ 21	1.9	19.3
233.90	Powerscreen	287	- 15	3.5	11.8
29.10	Prospect Inds	14		7.3	7.5
1.02	Radiant Metal	75	- 5		
33.30	Ransomes	58½	- 4½		
28.30	Record†	85		5.3	19.1
143.80	Renishaw†	294	+ 2	2.9	25.8
114.80	Renold	174	+ 1	1.8	24.1
4.27	Richard (Leics)†	51	...	5.5	36.5
29.20	Richardson West	81	- 1	5.0	17.8
2,194.50	Rolls-Royce†	179	+ 2	3.5	31.6
138.20	Rotork	158	- 2	3.5	16.1
29.40	Rubicon	135		4.3	15.2
244.10	Senior Engt	81	+ 1	5.2	13.2
26.60	Servomex	268		3.1	28.4
2,349.70	Siebe	549	+ 2	2.5	17.7
151.70	Simon Eng	97			
39.80	Six Hundred	74	- 6	2.5	
716.40	SKF 'B'	1125	+ 6½		
1,377.20	Smiths Ind†	460	+ 1	3.5	17.7
350.40	Spirax-Sarco†	451		2.7	19.9
65.50	Sterling Ind	234	- 3	3.4	21.0
1,735.90	TI	369	+ 6	3.9	20.4
8.51	Tinsley (E)	118		5.9	19.2
57.40	Transfer Tech	60	+ 6	7.0	8.4
84.10	Triplex Lloyd	130		6.7	
35.80	Utd Inds▼	16		0.8	
521.40	VSEL†	1373	- 7	3.2	12.9
23.60	Verson	16	+ 1		
569.90	Vickers	182	+ 2	2.4	19.3
103.90	Victaulic	235	- 4	4.3	12.9
13.50	Vifers Grp ©	11½	+ ½		
210.90	Vinten†	611		2.0	13.4
236.70	Vosper Thorny	742	- 12	3.0	16.1
214.80	Wagon Ind	463	- 3	4.8	23.6
539.80	Weir▼	275	- 2	3.0	16.4
49.10	Wellman	40½	+ 1½	2.8	66.1
86.70	Whatman†	377	- 5	3.5	13.8
30.90	Whessoe	105	- 2	9.8	8.0

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.05	AAF Inds	35	- 5		
13.10	Airflow Streamline	153	+ 1	3.3	15.0
141.80	Avon Rubber	533	- 1	3.9	23.2
774.40	BBA†	190	+ 3	3.0	
169.80	BSG†	58	- 1½	6.9	36.3
13.00	Benson Group	10		4.1	13.7
47.00	Bostrom†	298		2.5	17.0
27.40	Caverdale	12½	- ½	1.5	12.9
31.80	ERF	324	+ 1	0.8	
50.80	First Tech	327	- 4	1.3	18.9
2,147.90	GKN	619	+ 15	4.1	36.2
17,141.90	General Mtr	2412½		2.1	
10,432.90	Honda Motor	1071	- ½	0.4	
440.90	Laird†	374	+ 4	3.6	17.6
7.00	Loades	350			
1,527.90	Lucas†	199	+ 3	4.4	
107.80	Mayflower†	54		3.2	22.0
37.80	Midstates	75	- 2		10.4
27.10	Systone	162	+ 1	3.8	17.9
1,154.00	T & N	218	- 1	6.2	19.0
160.90	Tandy Hldgs	313	+ 7	2.6	22.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,461.50	AB Food	547	- 19	3.7	9.4
117.80	Acatos & Hutch	374	- 1	3.9	10.9
304.30	Albert Fisher†	43		10.8	14.6
18.50	Banks (S C)	215	- 5	5.7	8.2
70.70	Barr (AG)	374	- 1	2.3	24.1
6.98	Bensons Crisp	38	- 3	7.1	
921.90	Booker†	411	+ 8	6.7	15.1
29.50	Borthwick	51		3.2	21.8
22.00	CPL Aromas	202	- 2	1.9	19.3
3,681.90	Cadbury-Schwp	442	+ 2	4.4	14.6
14.10	Carrs Milling	206	+ 19	2.7	11.2
21.40	Cranswick	154	+ 5	6.8	12.6
13.70	Dalepak	118	+ 15	1.6	
964.70	Dalgety†	420	- 13	6.3	11.8
4.48	Daniels S	54		0.7	
292.90	Devro	217	+ 2	3.6	14.6
13.90	Everest†	55	- 1	5.7	20.6
1.31	Farrington	5			
72.80	Finlay (James)†	73		7.1	9.9
16.30	Global	13½	+ ½	4.6	12.3
19.00	Grand Central	48			
290.20	Hazlewood Fds	125		6.7	7.8
1,214.30	Hillsdown†	175	+ 6	6.3	12.5
97.60	Hobson	25	+ ½		
39.40	JLI Group	95		6.3	13.4
68.40	Linton Park†	399	- 1	5.5	11.4
146.40	Matthews (B)	118	+ 2	2.9	14.2
431.70	Mac ED & F	168	- 1	6.4	9.2
94.20	Nichols (JN)	238		3.1	15.3
1,167.20	Nthn Foods	203	+ 3	5.4	9.9
7.37	Nthmbm Fe	12			
4.44	Pascoe's	29	- 1		
91.90	Perkins Food	74½	- ½	7.5	12.5
3.57	Sentry Farm	83		3.4	8.4
27.60	Sims Food	80		11.7	
1,539.90	Tate & Lyle	428		3.9	10.6
20.00	Treatt	210	+ 3	2.4	17.1
841.10	Unigate	359	+ 9	6.0	10.1
9,088.30	Unilever	1118	- 13	2.9	16.0
11,739.50	Unilever (NV)	7309¾	+ 34½	2.9	14.8
1,635.90	Utd Biscuits†	311	- 7	6.1	25.4
5.96	Usborne	6½	- ½		
14.00	West Trust	33		9.5	23.1
51.20	Yorkshire Food	115	+ 1	3.6	13.6

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
339.40	AAH	378	- 10	5.9	13.5
513.50	Amersham	890	- 95	2.3	16.5
26.50	Anagen	57	- 2		
35.50	Assoc Nursg	215	- 30	1.2	12.6
68.60	Bespak	271		4.7	13.9
26.10	Care UK	6½			
42.00	Celsis	70	- 1		
62.50	Chiroscience	92			
51.90	Cortecs	47			
81.40	Community Hlt	246	+ 1	4.0	14.2
58.80	CrestaCare	31	- 1	3.1	
29.00	Enviromed	126	- 7	0.2	
9.31	Ferraris Group	68		3.0	13.0
60.90	Goldsborough	139	- 1	3.0	15.2
17.70	Granacare	10		4.2	13.3
12.30	Intercare Gp	43	- 3	10.2	4.6
35.60	Isotron	285		3.1	
246.20	Life Sciences	142	- 6	3.6	14.1
307.90	Lon Intl	91	+ 3		
35.20	Nestor-BNA	47		8.4	11.6
3.61	Premier Health	1½	- ½		
37.10	Quality Care	365	- 10	2.1	15.4
191.80	Scholl	151	- 1	5.2	14.5
113.10	Seton Health	364	- 16	2.5	13.4
11.30	Shield Diag	61	+ 1		
1,573.60	Smith & Nephew	144½	+	4.4	16.0
1.40	Specialeyes	9			
270.60	Takare	216	- 6	1.2	18.9
448.00	UniChem▼	362	- 1	3.2	15.0
176.00	West Hlthcare	745	- 17	1.6	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
58.30	Airsprung	244		2.5	15.2
11.20	BLP Group	158		6.7	46.1
2.13	Bilston Batses	37	+ 1		
33.40	Cornell Plc A	95	- 1	7.5	21.3
8.73	Crombton Nl	190	- 4	5.1	13.4
51.80	Denby Group	150		2.5	17.6
7.65	Gaskell	135		3.7	
9.81	Lambert	5	- ½	5.0	
36.39	Mayborn	138		4.0	12.4
133.70	Ontame Intl	250	- 6	6.2	11.3
26.20	Osborne & Little	422	- 13	1.6	17.6
111.70	Paterson Zoch	457	- 5	[illegible]	[illegible]
100.30	Paterson Zoch 'A'	436	- 1	4.0	[illegible]
2,124.49	Reckitt Colm▼	565	- 13	[illegible]	[illegible]
54.50	Relyon	257		[illegible]	[illegible]
104.20	Shenrighn	215	- 6	[illegible]	[illegible]
22.50	Suddard	174	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
13.30	Tomkinsons	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
9.81	Victoria Carpet	145	- 5	[illegible]	[illegible]
100.40	Walker Greenbk	104	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
411.10	Wilsons Wdyrd	58			[illegible]
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155		3.4	[illegible]

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
547.56	Alex & Alex	1250	- 31	[illegible]	
3,648.90	Am Genl	1743½	- 37½	[illegible]	
59.40	Angerstein	39	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
20.20	Archer	57		[illegible]	
56.64	Bradstock	92	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
758.40	Britannic	400	+ 1	[illegible]	
77.20	C&M Heath	287	- ½	[illegible]	
3,609.10	Com Union▼	546	- 5	5.2	20.5
45.50	Delian	50	- 1		
113.60	Dom & Genl	1570		[illegible]	[illegible]
136.60	FAI	32	- 2	[illegible]	
86.30	FBD	154½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
54.90	Fenchurch Grp	154	- 14	[illegible]	[illegible]
37.30	Frizzell Uder	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
2,600.30	Gen Accident†	575	- 12	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,658.70	GRE†	150	- 1	5.1	[illegible]
56.70	HCG Lloyds	[illegible]	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
144.80	Heath C E	[illegible]	- 12	[illegible]	
101.30	Hiscox	139½	- ½	[illegible]	[illegible]
30.90	Hunter Secs	150		[illegible]	
109.20	Independent	245	- 4	4.5	[illegible]
546.90	Irish Life	190	- 9	[illegible]	[illegible]
159.80	JIB Group	135	- 5	[illegible]	[illegible]
2,087.40	Legal & Gent	425	- 5	6.0	[illegible]
3,354.30	Liberty Life	1466½	- 34	[illegible]	[illegible]
286.00	London Ins Mkt	56	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
137.50	Lloyd Thomp	[illegible]	- 14	[illegible]	[illegible]
2,259.70	Lloyds Abbey	320	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
62.30	Lombard Ins	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
372.10	London & Man	302	- 11	[illegible]	[illegible]
266.00	London Ins Mkt	96	- 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
93.18	Lowndes Lam	[illegible]	- 5		[illegible]
3,497.00	Marsh McLen	4743½	+ 43½	[illegible]	
37.00	Meadhurst	30			
79.20	Nelson Hurst	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
47.10	New London Cap	78½	+ 1	[illegible]	
24.30	Oxford	112		[illegible]	
16.30	Premium Trust	51	- 2	[illegible]	
14.10	Premium Undr	30	+ 4		
6,038.90	Prudential†	332	- 6	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.90	PWS	35		10.7	
413.20	Refuge†	323	- 4	[illegible]	19.4
1,894.40	Royal	251	- 17	[illegible]	[illegible]
791.90	Sedgwick	145	- 4	[illegible]	16.4
55.10	Steel Burrill	115		[illegible]	
38.50	Sturge Hldgs	76		[illegible]	
2,677.60	Sun Alliance†	331	- 11	[illegible]	9.2
27.20	Syndicate Cap	84		1.2	
109.70	Trade Indemnity†	60		1.3	12.4
1,009.30	TransAtlantic	334	- 11	4.5	[illegible]
369.00	Utd Friendly	353	- 2	3.8	[illegible]
573.80	Willis Corroon	137	- 5	6.0	[illegible]
8.11	Windsor	24			18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,918.10	3i	329	- 7	2.5	
44.60	Abtrust Emerg	88	- 2		
34.80	Abtrust High Inc	87	- 2	8.0	
95.90	Abtrust N Dawn	222	- 2	3.5	
320.50	Alliance	1747	- 13	3.4	
216.30	American Trust	260	+ 1	2.6	
472.80	Anglo & O'seas	414	- 6	2.2	
42.50	Baillie Gifford SN	148	- 7		
285.00	Bankers†	184	- 2½	2.6	
58.10	Barng Em Eur	47	- 2½	0.3	
165.70	Baring Tribe	323	- 2	2.6	
71.40	Berry Starq	220		1.2	
99.80	Biotec Inv	165			
380.00	Br Assets	93½	- 1½	5.8	
121.70	Br Empire Sec	91½	..	1.3	
4.92	Br Empire Wts	37			
658.30	Br Inv	211	+ 2	3.9	
59.60	Branken	95¾	+ 2½	0.3	
151.70	Brunner	237	- 1	2.8	
65.50	BZW Conv	128	+ 5	7.6	
72.80	Candover	325		4.3	
109.00	Central Euro Gwth	54½	- 2½		
36.50	China & Eastern†	181		2.4	
42.00	Cont Accel	192	- 3	2.0	
5.91	Dance Inv Inc	87		12.3	
43.00	Derby Cap	250	- 15		
18.90	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
9.35	Drayton Blue	74	- 1	14.2	
44.60	Dryton Eng Intl	91	+ 3	1.1	
182.40	Drytn Far East	140½	- 2½	0.6	
201.30	Dunedin Inc G	623	- 4	5.2	
35.40	Dunedin Japan	88½	- 1½		
51.40	Dunedin Smlr	308		3.7	
3.16	Dunedin Wts	39½			
253.90	Dunedin Wwde	198	- 5	1.6	
882.90	Edinburgh	308½	- 3½	3.7	
100.00	Edinburgh Inca	50	- 1	0.1	
234.50	EFM Dragon	111½	+ ½		
16.10	EFM Japan	161	- 7		
566.90	Electra Inv	327½	+ 1½	2.7	
174.90	Electric Gen	193½	- 1½	2.1	
8.12	Eng & Caledon	181	+ 2	2.8	
1.45	English Scot	110½			
73.30	European Assct	294	+ 2	2.0	
81.80	Fidelity Euro Val	157	+ 2	0.2	
126.80	Fidly Jap Val	84½	- 4½		
37.40	Finsbury 'A'	156		2.4	
26.60	First Spanish	73		0.4	
190.60	Fleming Amer	284	+ 1	0.5	
49.10	Fleming Chinese†	81½	- ½	0.8	
110.90	Fleming Claverl	208	+ 1	3.3	
207.70	Fleming Contl	318	+ 4	0.9	
82.40	Fleming Entp	306	+ 2	2.9	
529.20	Fleming F East	359	- 8	0.5	
45.50	Fleming Fledg	361	+ 6	1.0	
32.10	Fleming HI Inc	99	+ 1	5.6	
78.10	Fleming Indian	93	- 2½		
28.30	Fleming Intl	38		11.7	
426.80	Fleming Japan	248	- 11		
403.20	Fleming Merc	279	+ 4½	3.0	
383.60	Fleming Overs	289	- 1½	1.8	
4.68	Fleming Wts	39	- 1		
1,397.80	Foreign & Col	133	- 1	1.7	
43.80	For & Col Inc Gwth	102	+ 3		
127.30	Frgn Emg Mkts	127			
86.70	Frgn Enterprise	71		1.1	
137.90	Frgn Eurotst	229	+ 3	8.7	
47.90	Frgn German	122	+ 3	0.5	
363.70	Frgn Pacific	316	- 9	1.0	
57.80	Frgn PEP†	122	+ ½	3.6	
172.80	Frgn Smaller	165	- ½	1.5	
51.50	Frgn US Smlr	100	+ 1		
4.01	Fulcrum Cap	25			
5.39	Fulcrum Inc	48		22.6	
12.00	Fulcrum Zero	136½	+ 1½		
96.50	Gartmore Brit	193	- 1	2.4	
23.00	Gartmore Euro	135		0.8	
32.30	Gartmore Shrd	95	- 1	13.0	
25.30	Geared Inc Inv	109		9.5	
27.30	Genl Cons Cap	150	- 2		
39.10	Genl Inc	108		10.4	
43.80	Gov Emg Mks	122	- 1	0.3	
35.90	Govett Am Smlr	144			
18.70	Gov Glob Smlr	86			
40.20	Govett High Inc	84	+ 2	7.0	
702.60	Govett Oriental	391	- 5	0.4	
233.20	Govett Strategic	237½	- ½	3.6	
47.60	Greenfriar	416		2.0	
0.81	Gresham House	19			
147.90	GT Japan	237	- 8	0.7	
80.70	H Govett Smlr Cof	122		1.0	
30.00	Herd High	115		6.2	
46.90	Herd Strata	281	+ 1	0.6	
59.80	Herald	92			
105.10	HTR Jap Smaller	105		0.5	
0.42	I&S Eal	14	+ 1		
31.00	I&S UK Smlr	107	+ 5	3.3	
316.70	Inv Cap	128	- 5	5.1	
	Intl Biotech	90			
	Intl Wts	37			
35.20	INVESCO Korea	153	+ ½		
27.80	J Fry 2nd U	96	- 3	8.5	
10.20	J Fry Euro U	96	- 1	6.2	
138.50	JF Fledg Jap	230	- 4½		
27.20	Jupiter Intl Grn	108		3.9	
162.80	Kinst Cht	201	- 1	3.2	
36.40	Kinst E Mid	129	+ 2		
33.00	Kinst End	110	+ 1		
225.90	Kmat Euro Pvt	77	- ½		
25.50	Kmat Euro Wts	25½	- ½		
25.20	Kmat H Inc	84		11.6	..
[illegible]	Kmat O'seas	[illegible]	- 2	1.8	
15.50	Kmat Smb	128		3.0	
135.10	Lon American	150	+ 1½		
165.50	Law Debenture	[illegible]	- 2	3.3	
22.70	Lazard H Inc	160	+ 1	8.0	*
19.40	Lloyds Sm Cap	79			
7.11	Lloyds Sm Ord	39	- ½	15.3	*
26.50	Lloyds Sm Pkg	109		4.1	*
[illegible]	Lon & St Lawrence†	157	+ 1	5.0	*
[illegible]	Lon & Strathclyde	209	- 1	3.4	
[illegible]	Lon Smaller Co	82	- ½	4.8	
[illegible]	Lowland	297	+ 1	4.1	*
[illegible]	[illegible]	1451½		1.6	
[illegible]	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	555			
[illegible]	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	125		22.7	
[illegible]	M&G Dual Cap	2325	- 20		
[illegible]	M&G Dual Inc	290		30.3	
[illegible]	M&G Inc Geared	68	- ½	9.0	*
[illegible]	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	35	- ½		
[illegible]	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	39	- ½	15.7	*
[illegible]	M&G Inc Package	119	- 1	8.2	
[illegible]	M&G Inc Zero Div	32½	+ ½		
[illegible]	M&G Rec Cap	32			
[illegible]	M&G Rec Geared	64½		7.4	
[illegible]	M&G Rec Inc	[illegible]		14.7	*
[illegible]	M&G Rec Package	[illegible]		3.6	
[illegible]	M&G Rec Zero Div	69			
[illegible]	M Curie Eur	110	- 2	2.2	*
[illegible]	M Curie Pac	143	- 3	0.5	*
[illegible]	Martin Currie	197	- 1	3.4	*
[illegible]	[illegible]	52			
[illegible]	[illegible]	106	+ ½		
[illegible]	Merchants	287	- 4	5.2	
[illegible]	Mercury Euro Pv	83	- ½		
[illegible]	Mercury Wts	30½			
[illegible]	Mercury Wld Wts	38	- ½		
[illegible]	Monks Inv Tst	513	- 4	1.7	
[illegible]	Mntg Sml Inc	124	+ 4	4.6	*
[illegible]	Mntg Wts	47	+ 1		
[illegible]	Mntg Lon Amer	[illegible]	- ½		
[illegible]	Mntg Wts	59	+ ½		
[illegible]	Murray Eur	[illegible]		2.2	
[illegible]	Murray Euro	[illegible]		3.5	
[illegible]	Murray Income	323	- 4	4.5	
[illegible]	Murray Intl	322	- 5	4.3	
10.10	Murray S/C DP	157½			
7.84	Murray S/C Cap	140	- 4		
6.56	Murray S/C Inct	82	- 1½	16.2	...
1.56	Murray S/C Utt	3250	+ 3½	4.3	...
270.40	Murray Smaltt	482	+ ½	1.1	...
76.30	Murray Vent†	309	+ 2	4.7	...
1.59	Murray Ent Wts	33			
1.05	Murray Ex Wts	17½			
5.70	Newmarket†	16			
23.90	Nthbrg Inc	61		8.9	
18.40	Nthbrg Cap	74	- 1		
135.30	O'seas Inv Tst	356	- 2½	1.2	*
2.64	O'seas Wts	203	- 1		
108.90	Pacific Assets	534	+ 7	0.3	
13.90	Pacific Wts	438			
37.40	Perpetual Jap	102½	- 2		
13.30	Personal Assets†	8700		2.8	
46.30	Pilot Inv	125		1.5	
9.28	Pmrr Euro Sm	92	- 2		
225.30	RIT Cap Ptnr	189	+ 5	1.8	
10.90	River Merc Am Cap	29	- ½		
7.80	River Merc Am Inc	104		9.4	
1.01	River Merc Am Wts	13½			
47.50	River Merc Cap	118	- 3		
34.60	River Merc Ex Inct	93		10.5	
1.02	River Merc Ex IncW	17			
11.90	River Merc Grd Inct	85	- ½	11.1	...
9.45	River Merc Grt Pf	27	- 1		
22.70	River Merc Tst Inc	113	+ 1	10.2	...
1.36	River Merc Wt	22½	- 1		
30.70	River Merc Sm Co	122		4.2	
1.70	River Merc Sm Wt	35			
	Robeco	412	+ 7	3.1	
	Rolinco	420	+ 5	1.9	
6.86	Schrod Jap	70¼	- ½		
108.80	Schrod Jap Gwth	87	- 3½		
10.20	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	41	- 1		
8.13	Schrod Jap Wt	11½			
64.00	Schrod Korea Fd	985	+ 36½	0.1	
5.33	Sch Korea Fd Wt	484½	+ 84½		
39.90	Sch Spl Zero Div	105½			
8.63	Sch Splt Fd Cap	30½			
64.00	Sch Splt Fd Inc	113	+ 1	8.5	
22.00	Schrod UK Gwth	94	+ 1		
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	40			
539.30	Scot	211	- 5	2.9	
348.80	Scot American	156	- 1	3.9	
60.30	Scot Asian	267	- 1		
5.62	Scot Wts	803	- 5		
516.40	Scot Eastern	81½	- 1½	2.4	
789.50	Scot Mtget	219	- 3½	2.4	
151.70	Scot Natl Tst	95		10.1	
53.80	Scot Value	107	+ 1½	2.4	
294.90	Second Alliance	1536	- 18	3.4	
259.40	Secs Tst of Scot†	81	- ½	5.6	
45.40	Selective Asset	157		1.2	
17.40	SHIRESCOT	133	+ 4	5.1	
42.40	Sphere Invt	35	- ½	13.8	
104.90	St Andrew Inv	305		3.2	
194.20	Temple Bar	339	- 3	5.0	
107.20	Trenta Asian E	107	- 2	0.6	
17.10	Throg Dual Co	488	- 12		
224.80	Throgmorton	74		3.9	
481.40	Tpllon Emg Mkt▼	120	- 1	0.7	
299.30	TR City Of Lon†	149½	+ 1½	4.5	
74.30	TR Far East	158	- 2	4.4	
156.80	TR Pacific	117	- 1	0.2	
162.40	TR Property	34½	+ ½	3.3	
328.10	TR Smlr Cos	183	+ 3	2.6	
39.30	TR Tech Inv	108	- 1	2.8	
20.00	Turkey Trust	202	+ 6	1.9	
68.20	USDC Invest	241	- 1	2.3	
50.60	Value Inc Tst	112½	+ 2½	4.5	
13.80	Wigmore	68	+ 2		
855.70	Witan	228	- 1½	3.2	
26.30	Yeoman Inc	107	+ 1	15.7	



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LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
185.60	1st Choice	119	+ 1	3.7	
4.08	Abda Sh H	34			
474.10	Airtours	417	- 5	2.7	14.5
12.60	Abl Leis	18			
215.60	Alpha Airprt	143	- 5	3.5	
27.90	Arcadian	40			
21.20	Baldwin	111	- 2	3.9	19.1
26.10	Barr & W 'A'	262	- 25	4.8	10.9
100.50	Bluebird Toyst	229	- 8	3.3	6.8
66.80	Boosey Hawks†	341		1.9	30.2
10.50	Brent Walker	3			
11.10	Bristol Scottrt	183		2.6	
2.11	Buckingham Int	1½			
63.10	Chrysalis	236		1.7	
148.00	City Centre Rest	77	+ 2½	2.9	15.6
749.40	Compass Gp	315		2.7	18.5
68.40	Eurocamp	260		4.8	10.7
879.80	Euro Disney	115	+ 10		
17.90	Euro Leisure	2½			
15.20	Fairline Boats	435		3.4	30.3
408.50	First Leisure	250	+ 1	3.3	16.6
2,197.30	Forte†	233	- ½	4.0	27.6
35.40	Friendly Hotels†	178		4.0	29.8
7.24	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
2,986.30	Granada	514	- 4	2.2	20.3
19.90	Hi-Tec Sports†	41		8.5	6.0
14.90	Hornby	180		6.2	15.7
53.40	Jurys Hotel	157½	- ½	4.4	14.1
34.90	Kunick	14½	+ ½		
186.20	London Clubs	263	+ 13	5.7	13.4
1,824.30	Ladbroke†	157	+ 10	2.8	27.7
3.79	Magnolia	66	- 3	0.2	
77.70	Man Utd†	637	- 3	4.1	
530.00	Mandarin Orntl	77½	- 1½	4.0	20.8
32.70	My Kinda Town	13½			
20.40	Northern†	63	+ 2	6.0	10.4
65.00	Pelican Gp	92		1.5	
65.70	PizzaExpress†	123	+ 4	2.0	18.9
10.10	Prism Leisure	120	- 1	4.4	8.5
9.17	Quadrant Grp	25	- 1		
22.80	Ramcoxes (H)	259		2.2	33.0
5,365.70	Rank Org	406	+ 11½	3.9	26.0
17.30	Ryan Hotels Ir†	29½		4.9	15.1
263.30	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938		0.5	
389.30	Stakis	81½	+ 3½	1.8	29.3
182.60	Stanley Leisure	340	+ 12	1.9	19.2
1,050.30	Tanjong	280		0.7	15.7
4,282.90	Thorn EMI	1003	+ 34	4.2	20.5
20.36	Tottenham Hotsp	127	- 2	1.0	34.1
50.50	VCI	153		1.7	13.7
91.20	Vardon†	122	- 1	1.2	21.6
16.70	Wembley	6½	+ ½		
0.81	Zetters Gp	134	- 1	7.9	

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
110.45	Abbott Mead	346		2.1	31.3
45.30	Acsome	293	- 2	2.9	20.3
211.50	Aegis Gp	26	+ ½		
7.91	Allied Radio	5½			
1.24	BBB Design	15			7.7
23.90	Barlow Indcr	183		5.8	15.8
9.79	Bidchdale	7½			
5.20	Black (A&C)	335		5.0	12.1
223.80	Bonham Gp	241	- ½	5.4	9.0
14.20	Border TV	178	- 6	2.8	14.9
51.30	Bristol	376		4.1	26.0
55.60	CIA Gp	136		1.6	22.0
249.20	Capital Radio	340	- 2	1.3	30.0
1,966.40	Carlton Comm	868	- 8	2.8	19.2
7.31	City of Lon	93	+ 10	5.9	14.2
68.00	Daily Mail	1339½		1.4	31.8
971.10	Daily Mail 'A'	975		1.9	22.8
186.30	Dorling Kindt	288	- 2	1.4	
758.00	EMAP	384	+ 14	2.8	28.8
4,083.20	Elsevier	621¾	+ 9½	3.1	20.2
357.40	Euromoney Pb	1638	- 12	3.3	
4.48	Filch	12			
444.80	Flextech	477	+ 17		
60.80	GWR Gp	874	- 12	1.5	31.6
44.80	Gold Greenless	170		3.9	20.5
8.70	Goodhead†	24		0.2	
47.20	Grampian	128		2.8	17.9
126.10	HTV Group	144	- 1	1.5	32.2
4.03	Harrington K	40	- 3	3.1	
61.40	Hayes Pub	383	- 2	2.9	23.4
114.50	Holder Hme	328		2.0	53.4
17.50	Home Counts	175		3.6	42.9
352.00	Independent	293	+ 5	2.6	10.0
65.20	Intl Bus Comm	218	- 7	2.0	10.6
6.44	Interequest	125	- 3	7.8	
302.80	Johnston Press▼	152	- 1	1.6	21.3
11.10	Lopex	21		1.5	23.7
39.00	MAID	48	- 3		72.9
47.50	Metal Bulletin	490		2.9	24.9
175.10	Midland Ind	127	- 2	2.8	17.4
603.10	Mirror Grp	145	+ 3	0.9	7.7
113.40	More O'Ferrall	349	- 1	4.7	20.2
4,851.40	News Corpt	261	+ 4	0.5	16.8
1,719.70	News Intl	249	+ 1	8.7	13.2
8.11	Osprey Comms†	31		0.4	
3,411.40	Pearson	618	- 6	2.7	21.3
83.60	Phonolink	230	+ 8		
72.70	Portsmth Sund	606		2.2	15.0
48.50	Quartet	253		3.0	13.8
4,289.20	Reed Intl	765	+ 10	3.2	23.1
7,059.20	Reuters	472	- 15	1.8	23.8
341.20	Saatchi	155	- 3		30.2
53.40	Scott Radio	580	+ 2	2.3	22.7
210.60	Scot TV†	437		3.6	20.3
35.40	SelecTV	24½	+ 3		
60.90	Shandwick	45		1.2	6.8
38.20	Southnews	249		1.5	32.6
63.10	Sterling Pub	136	- 1	3.3	11.6
7.48	Smeel & Vent	131	+ 3	3.8	
78.90	Taylor Nelson	36	- 1	2.2	21.6
459.70	Telegraph	340	- 1	4.6	12.0
4,197.60	Thomson Corp	725	+ 10	5.2	36.2
260.00	Trinity Intl	379	+ 1	3.3	17.5
74.10	Ulster TV	708	- 2	2.9	21.7
1,295.70	Utd Newspapers†	531	+ 20	5.4	12.8
13.49	VTR	128		3.9	20.3
14.90	WMSD	22½		2.8	11.0
807.80	WPP†	112	+ 2	1.2	18.0
197.70	Yorkshire TV	390	- 4		

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.54	Alex Corp	108		3.4	6.8
796.70	Ang Am Coal	3162½		3.0	16.8
8,593.10	Ang Am	3687½	+ 3½	1.9	34.9
1,034.30	Ang Am Gold	6768½	- 275	4.0	17.9
19.80	Anglo Pac Res	25½			
7,154.10	Ashanti	1375	- 9½		
344.00	Ashton	123	- 13	4.2	
14,978.10	Broken Hill	904	- 7	2.3	36.8
42.90	Bakyrchik	286	+ 2		
416.90	Beatrix	443½	+ 2½	4.0	26.1
3.66	Belchi	35		2.4	30.2
31.50	Blyvoors	131½	- 16½		
178.50	Bougainville	44	+ 1		
2.45	Bracken	17½	- ½	5.1	
79.50	Buffels	648½	- 58½	8.5	
6.47	Bcha	2½			
5,023.90	CRA	844	- 8	2.5	26.6
	Central Pacific	52	- 3		
31.90	Chill Res	44	+ ½		
47.50	Coal Inv	81	- 25		
15.20	Coos Murchison	243	- 2	2.6	
5,726.80	De Beers	1606¼	- 12½	3.5	15.9
107.70	Deelkraal	108½	- 10	3.3	8.5
27.30	Doornfontein	58½	- 7½		
2,000.90	Driefontein	980½	- 10½	4.3	14.4
10.78	Durban	81	- 48½		
77.80	E Rand Gold†	189½	- 11½	12.1	5.5
108.90	E Rand Prop	82	- 1½		
56.10	Eastern Trans	85		3.9	13.9
452.80	Elandsrand	487	+ 2½	3.4	10.8
1,977.00	Eng China Clt	353	- 5	5.8	17.0
1,143.80	FS Const	861½	- 48½	6.0	11.9
15.60	FS Dev	70		1.8	
1,882.70	GFSA	1950	+ 68½	1.9	29.1
294.30	GM Kalgoorli	55		2.6	20.5
3,183.50	Gencor	231½	+ 4½	1.2	29.0
12.10	Gold Fields Prop▼	118		7.8	
68.20	Gopeng	95	- 6	0.3	
18.80	Greenwich R 'A'	19	- ½		
18.50	Grootvlei	162	- 3½	5.8	8.6
93.60	Gwalia Cons	90½	+ 2½	1.8	11.1
155.10	Harmony	577	- 34½		
341.70	Hartes	305	- 25	9.3	8.9
944.00	Impala Plat	1483½	- 29½	1.7	46.2
187.50	Kinross	150	- 10	6.0	13.5
199.60	Kinross	1109½	- 25	4.3	15.4
1,413.60	Kloof	1030	- 45	3.1	10.6
18.60	Leslie	116½	- 1½	9.2	6.8
49.10	Lesaing	308	+ 7½		
17.20	Messina	35			
0.60	Mananga	3			
1,721.90	MIM	123	- 9	1.9	
3,699.50	Minorco	1537½	- 6½	2.2	
105.80	Monarch	195	+ 32		
52.80	MSM	88	- 11		10.1
1,055.40	Nth Broken Hill	156½	- 8	3.3	23.5
	Oryx Gold	94			
175.40	Palabora	78	- 4	7.8	
52.40	Petaling Tin	260	- 20	8.5	
1,104.40	Placer Pac	177	- 2		
12.80	Premier Land	8½			
157.40	RJB	#348		4.4	16.8
8,877.40	RTZ†	832	- 16	3.1	23.7
5.46	Rackwood	34			
387.70	Rand Mines	650	+ 59	1.7	
403.70	Randfontein	660½	- 4½	7.5	8.3
461.30	Ranson	232	+ 5		
2,105.80	Rustenburg	1681½	- 15½	1.7	
	St Barbara	73	+ 1		
61.70	St Helena	840½	- 48½	6.8	
181.60	Sons Gwalia	255	+ 2½	4.6	16.7
58.40	Sthrn Pacific	21			
489.70	Southvaal	1884½	- 9½	4.6	21.9
3.38	Siasin	1	- ½		
13.50	Stilfontein	103½	+ ½	28.7	3.5
57.40	Unsel	205	- 12½	2.9	15.8
7,258.50	Vaal Reefs	6128½	- 153½	4.1	18.1
15.20	Wankie Col Z	15	- ½	8.3	3.6
110.20	Welkom	530	- 5	2.6	20.0
458.30	Western Areas	1137½	- 21	6.2	10.7
842.50	Western Deep	3040½	- 127½	3.4	10.5
3,998.90	Western Mng	352	- 21	1.0	58.8
112.30	Winkels	921½	- 34½	5.1	13.0
58.80	Zambia Copper	46			
72.90	Zandpan	56	- 5	8.9	11.3

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
103.30	Aran Energy	39½	+ ½	...	23.9
22.40	Arcon Intl	38	- 2		
	Ass Oil & Gas	5¾	- 10½		
18.90	Aviva Pet	68			
95.80	Br Borneo	213		4.2	18.0
12,642.40	British Gas†	291½		6.2	
22,797.50	Br Petroleum†	414½	- 13	2.9	22.7
20.60	Bula Resources	2½			
1,714.00	Burmah Castrol†	857	- 13	4.0	17.0
52.50	Cairn Energy	81			44.6
493.70	Calor Gp	233	- 5	5.4	13.6
183.30	Clyde Pet	40		1.1	
18.90	Coplex Res	11½	- 1½		
25.90	Dragon Oil	1½			
7.65	Edin Oil & Gs	22			28.7
1,859.80	Enterprise	378	- 7	5.3	
62.00	Fairhaven Intl	25½	+ 3	4.8	18.4
70.20	Flogas	285		3.0	11.8
58.20	Fortune	5½	- ½		
68.50	Goal Pet	66		2.7	21.8
49.80	Gt Western Res	44			
169.50	Hardy O & G	150	- 5	0.8	19.2
76.10	Kelt Energy	50	- ½	3.3	
1,404.70	Lasmo	143½		0.8	
3.69	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
459.10	Monument	69			73.7
4.91	New London	44			
5,253.50	Norsk Hydro	2293½	- 121½	1.4	
5.55	Oceanics	4			
122.40	Oil Search	40	- 2		
	Petroz	36½	- 2½		
76.50	Pict Pet	148			
145.00	Premier	25½	- 1		14.4
21.60	Presidio	85	- 28	7.8	
51.80	Pittencrieff Rs	80			
41.90	Ramco Egy	220	+ 5	8.3	
369.20	Ranger	375	- 18	5.3	
37,469.40	Royal Dtch Pt	6850½	- 6½	4.6	18.3
8,503.30	Schlumberger	3493½	- 81½	2.1	
8.10	Scot Pickford	52	- 3	2.2	
33.40	Seafield	65	- 1		
23,337.60	Shell	704	- 16½	4.4	21.3
3.40	Sovrlsk Eng Sr	#116	- 12	...	...
6,822.50	Total	3978½	- 25	4.5	
13.50	Villers Grp ©	11½	+ ½		
1,460.60	Woodside	219	- 1	1.7	
132.20	XCL	70	- 8		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17.82	BWD	85	- 1	5.6	7.6
33.70	Baltic Plc	125	- 1	2.0	7.8
5.40	Berry Bch Nbt	83		7.7	12.5
25.50	Brown Dolphin	124	- 7	5.8	9.2
556.80	Caledonia	870	- 5	3.0	16.6
57.50	Camellia	2300	- 75	1.7	6.1
18.80	Carlisle	472½	- ½	1.4	
164.30	Cater Allen	504	- 8	6.9	10.4
188.60	Cattles▼	138	+ 5	4.7	15.6
9.36	Cheride	49			
12.30	Chartfle	74	- 1	4.4	
6.32	EFG	13½		0.8	8.8
23.40	EFT Group	61	+ 5	3.6	12.8
138.50	ERM	730	+ 6	4.1	21.9
211.80	Exco	172	- 3	6.2	9.3
365.80	Gartmore	182	+ 8	2.7	21.0
230.80	Gerrard Natl	475		6.3	13.7
254.30	Govett	362		5.9	6.0
5.84	Headway	35	+ 7	2.5	27.2
208.60	Henderson Ad	670	+ 15	5.9	13.3
457.30	Invesco	174	+ 10	2.7	28.6
11.80	Investment Co.	43		5.2	13.5
70.40	Ivory Sime	241	+ 3	3.8	18.6
2,170.70	Jardine Strat	229½	- 3½	3.4	9.8
23.70	Johnson Fry	158			
19.50	King Shaxson	112		10.0	11.1
183.30	Lon Forfaiting	182	+ 7	7.2	10.1
87.30	Lon Scot Bk	111	- 2	4.9	16.9
732.50	M & G	878	+ 15	3.6	20.5
749.50	MAI†	228	+ 12	4.3	12.4
	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	81½	+ 1		
1,143.00	MAM	829	+ 11	4.6	14.6
16.50	Nat Home Loan	16	- ½		8.3
309.30	Perpetual	1161	- 2	2.5	16.7
713.70	Provident†	533	- 2	4.2	17.0
50.30	Rathbone Bs	258	- 2	4.1	12.8
65.70	Rolland Int†	25½	- ½	4.2	13.4
37.50	S & U†	318	- 1	4.3	10.3
32.20	Shaxtok	191	- 4	5.9	7.1
344.00	SIP Capital	126		3.8	7.8
223.80	Smith New Crt	358	+ 24	3.5	3.0
4,475.40	Swire Pacfc 'A'	461	- 2	2.9	
20.30	Towry Law†	132	- 1	4.3	11.4
15.60	Tns Hldgs	28	- 1	6.7	12.7
23.70	Union	69	- 10	6.3	8.2
3.76	Western Selectn	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
284.50	Brit Biotech	589	- 1		
38.70	Cantab Pharm	393			
157.30	Celltech	222			
62.50	Chiroscience	92			
51.90	Cortecs	47			
670.80	Fisons†	125	+ 9½	2.7	
18,571.40	Glaxo†	608½	+ ½	5.5	14.7
70.90	Grampian Hlgt	182	+ 1	6.7	18.9
479.70	Medeva†	172	- 1	2.1	13.8
3.61	Premier Health	1½	- ½		
37.10	Quality Care	265	+ 10	3.1	15.4
166.40	Scotia	265			
11.30	Shield Diag	61	+ 1		
5,728.30	SmthKlne Bchm	416	+ 4	3.7	16.1
4,981.10	SmithKline Uts	381	+ 5	4.1	14.7
5,813.60	Wellcome	669	+ 25	3.2	15.2
8,145.10	Zeneca	861	- 5	4.0	17.3

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24.30	AG Holdings	135	+ 1	5.2	*
74.30	API	347	- 2	3.1	21.8
2,205.90	Arjo Wiggins†	270	+ 2½	3.9	40.7
23.00	Aspen Comm	165		3.8	18.8
115.10	Bemrose†	362	- 2	4.3	13.0
81.80	Blagden	113	- 3	1.7	52.9
2,210.00	Bowater	442	- 4	3.7	18.6
577.90	Bowater Inc	1578½	- 6½		
74.80	Boxmore Intl	272	- 1	1.9	16.6
137.40	Br Polythene	455	- 2	3.4	16.0
6.11	Bt Thornton	38	- 3	19.7	3.3
174.00	Brawn Grp▼	126	- 2	2.5	18.6
696.50	Bunzl†	164	+ 3	3.1	19.3
44.30	Capital Indst	180		3.5	12.5
1,832.50	Carlton Mill	2271½	+ 49½	2.1	17.7
34.50	Cropper (James)	297		1.5	14.9
1,931.90	De La Rue	1001	+ 7	2.5	21.3
6.95	Delyn Group†	82	- 1	2.5	14.9
24.10	Dolphin Packt	103		5.5	13.2
30.40	Fairway Group	95	+ 11	4.5	17.7
134.80	Ferguson Intl†	333	- 1	4.8	13.4
16.20	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
1.74	Hunterprint	3			
78.40	Inveresk	151	- 2	4.1	9.1
112.50	Jarvis Porter	284	+ 1	2.4	20.3
404.00	Low & Bonar	411	- 4	3.1	16.4
49.40	MY Holdings	58	- 2	3.6	
213.60	Macfarlane	266	- 3	1.9	21.4
5.50	Mtv	172		5.1	24.6
81.90	Phyne				
453.00	Portals	896	- 5	3.0	18.8
337.50	St Ives Grp	341	+ 15	2.3	18.5
1,007.80	Sappi	1070½	- 8½	0.5	
10.80	Seri	14½			
139.90	Sidlaw	304	- 1	6.7	10.1
791.50	Smith David	506		2.6	22.7
1,938.20	Smurfit (Jeff)▼	361	+ 2	1.5	51.3
1.72	Sovic	86	+ 4	4.1	9.0
3.63	Unit Group	34	- 1		
186.50	Waco	238	- 2	2.1	15.2
232.10	Waddington (J)	224	+ 1	4.7	11.0
264.50	Watmoughs	393	+ 7	2.2	24.9
32.50	Wyndeham	147	+ 16	2.5	18.6

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
68.60	Allied Lond†	98	...	6.1	12.3
143.80	Argent	262			
92.10	Asdar	117	...	2.4	20.8
215.40	Bilton†	245	- 3	4.9	17.6
115.90	Bolby	298	- 5	3.2	17.5
3.35	Bolton Gp	18			
43.40	Bourne Estt	78	- 1½	1.2	
260.80	Bradford	180	- 1	4.8	14.9
7.49	Brightstone	107		4.4	24.2
1,171.60	Br Land	382	- 18	2.5	33.5
426.40	Brixton†	184	- 7	5.5	18.4
273.50	Burford	92	+ 5	2.2	28.8
99.80	CLS Hldgs†	87	- 2	8.3	
84.70	Cap & Regnl	142	+ 2	5.4	32.7
746.20	Cap Shop Ctrs	205	- 2	4.0	48.3
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81.40	Cardey Intl	28			
287.90	Chelsfield	358		[illegible]	[illegible]
95.80	Chesterfield†	482	- 2½	3.2	21.6
47.80	Chesterton Int	83		4.4	18.1
9.54	City Site Ests	82			
11.40	Clarke Nickolls	7		1.6	14.6
6.45	Compco	77½		6.3	
38.30	Conrad Rtbl GS	32		2.0	28.8
210.30	Daejan	1290	- 10	2.8	15.0
2.27	Dares Estates	6½	- 2		
1.89	De Morgan	4			
43.20	Debenham Twsn	103		4.2	18.7
30.50	Dencora	184		2.5	46.1
75.60	Derwent Vall†	243	- 1	2.4	21.7
82.40	Development Sect	21½		0.8	
23.60	Dwyer	45			
9.17	Eleco	31			
19.50	Estates Agency†	325		4.0	39.3
5.13	Estates Gen	24			
135.30	Evans Of Leeds	102	- 1	3.1	17.8
28.40	Ex-Lands†	25½	- 2	2.1	
28.40	Fiscal Propt	85		1.2	
25.30	Five Oaks	26	+ 2	2.4	
3.81	Fletcher King	45		4.2	22.3
12.90	Folkes Group†	42	- 2	4.5	
9.86	Folkes Group nvt	39	- 2	4.8	22.1
218.10	Frogmore†	481	- 1	4.9	15.8
68.60	Grainger	244		3.1	
582.20	Gt Portland	183	- 4	5.5	34.9
145.90	Greycoat	119	- 5		
148.20	Hambro Cntyw	45		0.7	45.7
973.60	Hammerson	344	- 3	3.6	84.5
35.80	Helical Bar	324	+ 9	2.3	11.6
49.10	Heritage	30	- ½	1.7	51.5
4.80	Herring Baker	35	- 1	5.0	
2.39	High-Point	48	+ 2	1.3	
4,275.80	HK Land	159½	+ 1	3.8	
15.00	Jermyn	350	+ 3		75.1
3,151.80	Land Sec	618	- 2	4.9	17.5
3.18	Law & Metro	7	+ 1		0.2
238.80	Lon Merch Sec	57	- 2	5.4	14.3
1,589.90	MEPC	415	- 11	6.0	25.9
3.91	McInerney A	8½	- 1		
43.30	McKay Secs	161		3.6	17.9
11.40	Merivale Moo	57		3.7	18.3
22.90	Moorfield Est	34		3.7	
53.80	Mountview	1189½	- 6½	2.4	11.5
141.50	Mucklow (A&J)	145		5.4	19.3
13.10	ORB	1	+ ½		
16.20	Olives Prop	33			12.3
173.80	PSIT	142	- 3	4.1	20.1
189.80	Peel	236	- 1	2.4	
186.30	Pillar Prop	147	- 1	3.1	
3.40	Prime Cmp	3			
8.15	RPS Group	68		4.8	12.3
36.20	Regian	34			12.5
30.40	Regalian	28			8.8
20.80	Rosehaugh Secs	165		1.4	10.5
19.30	Rugby Estt	107		2.8	
59.20	St Modwen Pp	58½	+ 1	3.0	12.6
56.70	Saville Gdn (J)	85	- 7	8.2	18.8
21.60	Savills	57	- 1	4.9	9.2
97.80	Scot Metrpl	75	- ½	3.3	8.7
4.82	Secure Retire	48	- 2		
45.70	Shaftesbury	64			
870.40	Slough Estates	223	- 8	4.5	47.7
60.30	Southend Prop	58	- 3	5.4	
23.90	Specty Shops	184		2.9	
28.20	Stanhope Prps	17	+ 1		
45.10	TBI	36	- ½		1.9
77.80	Tops Ests	168		1.6	40.0
126.70	Town Centre	123		3.9	17.8
58.40	Trafford Park	86	- 2	4.6	
15.09	Trencherwood	18			
1.99	UK Land	46	+ 1		
104.50	Warner	215	+ 1	8.5	20.7
88.00	Warnford	224		4.4	18.2
2.81	Waterglade	84			
127.00	Wates	62	- 2		
2.51	Wheway Mkt	38			
5.74	Wood John D	70	- 1	3.6	
2.25	YRM	17	+ 1		

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,840.90	ASDA Group	63½	+ ½	3.5	14.8
2,992.20	Argyll	285½	+	5.4	11.6
228.40	Bobe Bus	447	+ 15	2.0	16.0
40.70	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
3.70	Cullens	26			
1,334.70	Dairy Farm Intl	78¼	- 3½	4.5	11.3
78.70	Fanpak	348	+ 8	2.4	19.8
103.50	Fitzwilton	41		11.3	
296.00	Fyffes	105		1.7	18.0
133.50	Geest	186	- 2½	5.4	
119.50	Greggs	1045		2.3	19.7
320.70	[illegible]	383	- 3	2.8	11.5
440.00	Iceland Groupt	180	- 4	3.1	9.9
651.40	Kwik Save	600		4.5	9.4
194.70	Low (Wm)	364		2.8	12.1
8.50	Merchant Retail	10	+ ½		
993.30	Morrison (W)	139	+ 5	2.9	18.2
211.30	Nurdin Peack	168	- 1	3.0	9.2
109.00	Park Foods	119		3.5	34.1
2.45	Regis Hldg	1¾			
7,402.10	Sainsbury J	411	- 2	3.3	14.4
5,073.40	Tesco†	247	+ 13	4.0	12.4
113.20	Thorntons	176	- 1	3.5	14.4
159.80	Watson & Philip	377	- 3	4.8	15.2

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
21.70	Alexon	36			
228.60	Allders	214	- 3	3.6	16.0
1,019.70	Argos Plc†	340	+ 5	3.1	17.9
192.40	Ashley (Laura)	82	+ 7	8.2	
125.80	Aspray	157		4.8	7.8
72.80	Austin Reed†	235	- 6	2.9	11.5
62.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	134		6.1	17.5
52.00	Bentalls	124		2.0	43.8
53.70	[illegible]	52	+ ½	6.7	5.6
11.40	Blacks Leis	48	+ 4	8.0	
413.10	Body Shop	218	+ 3	1.2	18.3
6,350.80	Boots	513		3.8	18.2
18.00	Brown & Jackson	24½			
331.40	Brown (N)†	227	- 1	3.3	18.2
907.90	Burton	70½	+ 4½	3.8	
23.10	[illegible]	151		3.3	
185.80	Carpetright	242	+ 4	2.8	30.3
255.30	[illegible]	138		1.2	27.9
52.40	Church	495		3.4	14.7
17.20	Clinton Cards	58		5.4	14.7
17.30	City Centre	46	- 1½	6.8	28.5
178.70	Coats Patons	782	+ 17	1.6	28.3
2.64	[illegible]	165			7.2
264.60	DFS Furniture	264	+ 1	3.5	
761.20	Dixons Grp	181½	+ ½	4.3	38.5
0.96	[illegible]	580		3.6	27.3
10.10	ERA Gp	8			
13.28	Essex Furn†	168	- 14½	3.2	
175.80	Etam	288	- 12	3.8	14.7
349.90	Fine Art Dev	439	- 15	4.1	13.6
3.82	Feed Earth	67			
13.40	Flying Flowers	74		1.8	14.3
39.80	French Conn	249	+ 5		10.6
161.90	Frost Groupt	230	- 1	2.9	22.2
13.70	Gewnt	60	+ ½	3.1	21.4
28.70	Goldsmiths Grt	131	+ 2	1.8	23.5
5,583.30	GUS†	555	- 8	2.9	16.3
38.60	Hamleys†	169	+ 4	3.5	16.3
3.44	Hampden Grpt	23	- 1	5.4	66.2
440.80	Hse of Fraser†	152	- 10	3.3	17.3
16.90	Hughes (TJ)†	82	- 1	3.9	13.5
3,114.90	Kingfisher†	487	+ 9	4.0	12.3
21.70	Kleeman	156		0.8	34.6
73.90	Liberty	330		1.8	
361.10	Lloyds Chemt	305	- 3	3.9	9.8
809.10	MFI	130	+ 6½	3.6	17.4
11,124.10	Marks & Spencer	399	- 15	3.0	17.6
278.60	Menzies (John)	381	+ 5	2.9	12.3
59.70	Moss Brost	281	- 1	3.8	13.9
918.20	Next	248½	+ 3½	3.5	15.0
1.78	OEM	23	+ 1		
22.40	Oliver (G)	81	+ 1½		28.1
18.20	Partridge Fine	82	- 1	4.4	11.1
55.40	Pentos	18½			
65.20	QS Hldgs	185	- 3	3.9	18.1
17.60	Ramo Gp	21	- 1	3.0	20.8
27.70	Rosebys	140		4.2	16.4
1,630.60	Sears†	107½	- ½	4.3	18.2
61.58	Signet Group	21			7.2
1,270.40	Smith WH	486	- 3	4.2	23.5
262.30	Sotheby's	773	+ 13	3.6	23.4
800.00	Storehouse	234	- 3	3.2	19.9
48.30	Stylo	185		2.0	12.2
100.30	T & S Stores†	157	- 1	4.9	11.1
67.10	Tie Rack	130	+ 8	1.7	15.4
3,578.90	Vendome	512	+ 4	1.4	36.4
44.30	WEW Group	30½	- 2½	2.9	
9.83	Wld of Leather▼	80		1.1	
59.40	Wyevale	156	+ 8	3.7	18.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,103.10	Allied Domecq	593	- 5	4.7	14.5
202.90	Bulmer (HP)	385	- 1	3.5	22.2
71.80	Burn Stewart	121	+ 2	5.2	26.6
8,480.80	Grand Met	407	- 4	4.1	17.7
9,369.00	Guinness	464½	- 2½	3.5	16.3
533.00	Highland Dist	419	+ 7	2.2	18.9
244.70	Macallan-Glen	230	- 5	0.7	55.0
78.30	Macdo Mrtn 'A'	875		1.8	27.7
236.80	Matthew Clark▲	517	- 3	4.4	12.4
12.20	Morydon W	181	- 12	3.1	
165.30	Tomatin Dist	152		5.4	11.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
181.80	ACT Group	96	- 1	0.7	9.2
985.90	ADT	710			
11.30	Alphameric	42			32.9
90.90	Auto Sec	78	+ 2		8.9
1,023.70	BET Ord	109½	- 3	4.0	18.0
38.40	BNB Resrt	184		3.4	21.5
56.50	BPP	215	+ 2	5.2	15.4
38.50	BSM	136		5.6	11.7
3.88	Black & Edg	¾			
184.60	Borland	858			
44.40	Brit Data Mgt	182	+ 2	3.7	
7.71	Brooks Servic†	64		3.4	
59.10	CRT Gp▼	88		4.8	21.6
89.50	Capita Group	164	+ 5	2.1	20.9
897.80	Chubb Sec	321	- 8	2.4	19.7
32.90	Compln Pesoft▼	228	+ 3	1.4	61.8
32.90	Corp Services	59		8.5	22.2
17.60	Coutts Cnsltg	52½	+ ½	1.8	
230.20	Davis Service	225		4.5	15.1
8.02	Dudley Jenkins	67		6.1	14.8
17.50	EW Facit	96		6.4	7.2
38.20	El Data Pro	138		1.2	12.8
1,194.80	Hays†	285		2.8	30.1
141.80	Hogg Robinson	204	- 7	4.4	14.3
11.90	Holmes Protect	27	+ 2		1.6
7.75	Inf Co & Data	12	+ 1		
448.80	ISS B DK	1728½	+ 46½	0.1	1.9
43.20	JBA Hldgs†	131	- 5	2.3	13.3
124.00	Johnson Clean	251	- 1	5.4	18.2
45.70	Kalamazoo	120		3.4	13.6
32.90	Kewill Sys	271	+ 10	2.3	11.8
3.06	Lapt-Scan	19	- 1		
21.40	LDMS	48	- 1		
39.20	Lep	4½			
182.90	Logica	288	+ 1	2.1	28.9
138.50	MDIS	130½	+ 15½	8.8	9.1
27.60	MMT Comp	182	+ 7	3.5	
86.80	MR Data Mngt	128	- 3	5.6	
99.90	Manor 4	438		5.7	12.3
1,349.20	Manpower	1812½	+ 25	0.2	
126.00	Micro Focus	875	+ 12½		10.6
44.50	Microgen	133	- 1	8.0	11.3
208.10	Mitc	423	- 1	2.4	
45.40	Mitie Gp	167	- 2	1.5	24.9
18.90	Novo Group▼	23	- 1	1.1	
7.20	OIS Intl	24		8.9	4.5
57.10	P & P	73	+ 4	3.9	18.1
62.80	Michael Page	185		2.7	25.8
49.50	Pallyn	135		2.1	35.3
10.00	Pegasus	160		3.9	18.1
4.05	Penna	84		8.0	
58.90	Proudfoot	72	+ 9	6.1	12.3
35.20	RCO	389	+ 20	5.6	11.4
10.60	Radius	38			
10.50	Real Time	160	- 7	3.3	11.4
80.40	Reed Executive	157	- 2	0.8	
34.20	Reliance Sec	152	- 3	3.8	
2,265.80	Rentokil	232	+ 2	1.8	28.9
64.20	Ricardo Group	145		5.2	17.5
24.20	Rolfe & Nolan	200	+ 12	2.5	31.2
137.90	Sage Gp	680	- 16	2.1	
817.90	Salvesen (C)	282	+ 4	3.6	14.7
29.70	Sanderson Elec	77	- 3	4.6	
76.60	Select App	13½			
402.90	Serco Grp	432	- 1	1.0	28.9
173.40	[illegible]	282	+ 1	1.5	26.5
5.73	[illegible]	34	+ 1		
63.59	Sketchley	89	+ 1	4.0	15.5
38.10	[illegible]	182	- 2	6.3	17.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
23.00	Victor	21		2.4	11.4
11.80	WSP Hldg	51		4.7	28.6
77.30	[illegible]	325		3.0	15.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24,816.70	BT	395½	- 9½	5.6	13.4
8,417.30	Cable Wireless	384	- 23	2.8	15.6
80.10	Securicor	1440	+ 13	0.3	35.9
226.50	Securicor 'A'	946	+ 10	0.4	23.4
942.90	Security Serv	789	+ 13	0.9	24.4
6,331.50	Vodafone	208	- 1½	1.7	27.2

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.23	Amfin	86		5.8	4.2
49.50	Atkins Wt	147	- 1	4.9	15.7
174.80	Allied Text	501	+ 3	3.3	15.4
3.17	Abba	55	- 1	10.7	30.1
2.00	Autamagic	35	- 2		
34.30	Baird (Wm)	218	+ 1	3.2	18.3
4.77	Beckman (A)†	30		11.5	
138.60	Black (Peter)	251	- 8	2.2	18.0
10.60	[illegible]	186	- 2	3.6	
26.30	Br Mohair	188	+ 1	5.4	20.3
2.50	Carpet	24	+ ½		
4.64	Cassidy Bros	85		4.0	16.9
80.30	[illegible]	180	+ 2	5.1	23.8
174.40	[illegible]	323	+ 7		
1,490.60	Coats Viyella	201	+ 9½	5.1	17.4
482.20	Courtaulds Tex	484	+ 8	3.7	23.8
258.50	Dawson	133	+ 1	2.8	
159.80	Dewhirst (IJ)†	126	+ ½	1.7	17.8
4.18	[illegible]	34		5.1	10.8
4.95	Drummond	38			12.5
2.15	[illegible]	17			
8.64	Ferguson	74		8.3	12.5
16.90	[illegible]	148		2.7	
2.82	Foster (John)	18	- 1		
11.20	French (Thomas)	85		4.8	18.8
27.80	Gent (SR)	77	+ 7	3.7	
19.40	Haggas	89	+ 3	4.2	
35.60	[illegible]	11	- 1½	3.6	
54.30	[illegible]	27½		8.1	11.3
50.80	[illegible]	231		2.5	18.4
6.08	Honeysuckle	73	+ 4	6.3	
27.40	[illegible]	88	- 1		
17.90	Jacques Vert	188		3.8	16.6
4.45	Jerome (S)	59	- 1	1.7	7.5
61.10	Jones Stroud	353	+ 8	3.2	16.8
16.58	[illegible]	134		6.4	12.7
108.10	Lamontt	359	+ 1	4.4	11.9
80.40	Leeds	279	- 1	2.7	14.2
23.30	Leslie Wise Gp	67	+ 1	7.5	14.1
5.99	Lyles (S)	88	+ 2	5.4	8.4
44.30	Marling	28		3.3	44.8
2.30	PEX	12			
15.00	Parkland	148	- 3	3.7	9.9
357.80	Pentland	38		3.6	19.6
14.30	Picards	88	- 1	3.4	
445.10	Readicut	74½	- 2½	5.8	12.8
11.50	[illegible]	74	- 2	4.8	7.4
10.10	Richards	43	- 1	8.7	
1.93	SEET	5			
59.70	Sherwood Grpt	99		4.3	8.8
9.65	Shiloh	142	- 3	3.0	9.9
52.80	Sirdar	88		6.3	14.2
48.80	[illegible]	57	- 1	4.2	15.9
34.70	Strong & Fisher	29		6.2	18.7
18.10	[illegible]	47		6.8	17.5
8.31	[illegible]	120		7.3	9.1
20.40	[illegible]	37	+ 3	4.2	9.8
7.78	[illegible]	104	- 1	3.5	15.1
25.80	[illegible]	258	- 2	3.0	11.8

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.58	Air London†	83	- ½	6.9	
10,315.90	All Nippon Air	715	- 1	0.3	
1,034.30	Assoc Br Ports	274	- 1	2.2	21.9
5,104.80	BAA	484	- 18	2.4	19.3
151.50	[illegible]	120	+ 1	4.3	
3,519.20	Br Airways	388½	+ 8½	3.8	9.3
21.20	Clarkson (H)†	85	+ 1	2.3	22.9
25.50	Dart	188	+ 2	2.7	18.1
1,134.30	Eurotunnel Uts	259	+ 22		
12.00	Fisher (James)	50			
132.00	Forth Ports	440	+ 7	2.2	26.6
82.60	GRT Bus	231	+ 4	2.1	17.9
53.40	Go-Ahead	160		1.8	18.8
101.10	Goode Durrant	188	- 1	4.8	14.2
41.70	IOM Steam	138		4.8	10.8
20.60	Jacobs (J)	20	+ 5	4.8	
80.70	Lon Overs Frt	68	+ 4	5.6	22.0
340.60	Mersey Docks	581		3.1	19.5
1,240.30	NFC†	229	- 4	4.8	24.8
122.40	Nat Express	308	- 2	3.1	17.7
378.30	Ocean Group	240	- 3	7.2	22.4
25.40	[illegible]	84	+ 3½	6.2	
3,795.80	P & O Dfd	680½	- 8½	6.0	19.5
138.80	P & O 5.5%	205		3.4	
23.50	[illegible]	95		3.1	21.6
306.90	Stagecoach	218		2.4	23.5
84.60	[illegible]	117			
324.00	Tibbet & Britten	733	- 2	2.3	19.8
42.10	Tiphook	38	+ 2		
317.80	TDG	218		3.5	14.4
30.30	[illegible]	128	+ 4	2.4	
32.50	Utd Carriers	80	- 6	3.7	

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,517.10	Anglian	512	- 20	5.8	11.4
58.50	Mid Kent Hldgs	316	- 10	4.5	10.6
2,010.00	North West	585	- 27	5.4	8.0
486.50	Northumbrian	775	- 28	4.6	7.6
2,014.40	Severn Trent	561	- 21	6.1	7.8
104.70	South Staffs	1800	+ 60	3.9	11.6
89.20	South West	581	- 11	6.4	7.4
993.20	Southern	597	- 26	5.5	8.5
1,057.20	Thames	581	- 27	5.8	7.4
953.80	Welsh	664	- 26	5.5	7.1
781.30	Wessex	608	- 9	5.6	8.4
1,086.20	Yorkshire	591	- 17	4.9	7.8

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
[illegible]	Treas 3% 1994	[illegible]		3.99	
[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.95	5.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		7.04	5.61
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.09	6.27
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.04	6.66
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.94	6.96
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.72	7.21
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.22	7.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50	7.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.00	7.96
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.58	7.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.53	3.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.79	9.27
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.11	9.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.50	3.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.19	8.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.92	8.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.61	8.45
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.76	6.56
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.21	8.53
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.35	8.63
[illegible]	Treas 10% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.81	8.59
[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.65	8.53
[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.64	8.65
[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.86	8.61
[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.97	8.77
[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.46	8.78
[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	91	[illegible]	7.68	8.99
[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	105	[illegible]	9.13	8.92
[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	95	[illegible]	8.38	8.74
[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.24	9.81
[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	[illegible]	10.27	8.98
[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.78	7.42
[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.97	8.77
6,303	Treas 8½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.74	8.66
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	105[illegible]	[illegible]	9.04	8.72
2,250	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120[illegible]	[illegible]	10.34	9.05
2,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	93[illegible]	[illegible]	8.31	8.85
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	94[illegible]	[illegible]	8.47	8.72
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115[illegible]	[illegible]	10.29	9.05
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	98[illegible]	[illegible]	8.61	8.65
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127[illegible]	[illegible]	10.58	9.05
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	102[illegible]	[illegible]	8.76	8.64
LONGS (over 15 years)					
5,130	Treas 8% 2009	94[illegible]	[illegible]	8.47	8.63
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	103[illegible]	[illegible]	8.72	8.62
5,151	Treas 9% 2012	103[illegible]	[illegible]	8.70	8.61
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73½	[illegible]	7.46	8.40
5,250	Treas 8% 2013	94[illegible]	[illegible]	8.44	8.55
900	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92½	- ½	8.41	8.55
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	102[illegible]	[illegible]	8.58	8.63
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	129½	[illegible]	9.28	8.77
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41[illegible]	[illegible]	8.52	...
475	Treas 2½%	28½	[illegible]	8.79	...
INDEX-LINKED					
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	189[illegible]	[illegible]	2.86	4.28
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	106[illegible]	[illegible]	3.02	3.89
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165[illegible]	[illegible]	3.46	3.88
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161[illegible]	+ ½	3.55	3.87
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108[illegible]	[illegible]	3.58	3.88
1,650	Treas IL 2% 2006	169[illegible]		3.62	3.85
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152½	[illegible]	3.67	3.87
2,109	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157½	[illegible]	3.69	3.87
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129½	[illegible]	3.71	3.87
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	[illegible]	3.73	3.88
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132[illegible]	[illegible]	3.76	3.89
2,350	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110[illegible]	[illegible]	3.74	3.88
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109[illegible]	[illegible]	3.77	3.90

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Purchasing card launch for big businesses

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S banks say the new corporate purchasing card for large businesses will enable managers to simplify and speed up small payments.

National Westminster has been running a corporate Visa card pilot with Intel, the memory chip maker, and Barclays has been working on one with the gases division of BOC, one of Britain's biggest industrial groups, since last year. Visa and the two banks launch their cards today.

The card will not be fully functional until VAT information is included. It is hoped Customs & Excise will approve plans to put VAT and accounting details on to the purchasing card's magnetic stripe soon. Until then, users have to collect invoices from their suppliers for VAT purposes.

American Express launched a purchasing card in America in January, but not as yet in the United Kingdom, although it is working on a pilot. The Amex launch followed a 12-month pilot with ten US companies including IBM, Scott Paper and Northrop. The company has been working on a pilot in the UK.

An Amex spokesman said that a report commissioned from Ernst & Young, the accountant, estimated that a payment card with full VAT and accountancy coding features could cut purchasing and accounting payable costs by between 50 and 70 per cent. The report added: "This cannot be achieved by a card that does not provide VAT data."

The spokesman said: "Amex is working with Customs & Excise to develop software that can achieve that, with the support of our suppliers, and when we have got that as we would like it, then we will offer the service more broadly."

Purchasing cards replace the labour and paper-intensive purchase order systems that most companies use to buy low-value supplies, such as office supplies, maintenance and temporary personnel services.

NatWest estimates the cost of processing a £100 order at £60. Kevin Jennings, director of commercial marketing at NatWest, said: "The costs of dealing with small items are horrific."

Amex estimated the value of this area of corporate purchasing at more than $250 billion a year in the US, saying it costs many companies the same to process the purchase of a $10 stapler as it does to buy a $10,000 computer.

Managers can be given individual credit limits. Visa charges a fee for each card, but does not charge interest as card debts are paid on demand. Suppliers pay a merchant fee to the bank.

Suppliers benefit because bills are settled within ten days, often sooner. The initiative could, therefore, make a significant contribution towards fighting late payment problems faced by many small companies.

Neil Bailey, purchasing manager for BOC Gases, said they are paid within three days, compared with the traditional 45-day average, and credit control activity can be reduced because the cards provide bad debt protection.

In the BOC pilot, managers were issued with a corporate purchasing card, enabling them to settle invoices of up to £250 each, though the spending limits can be much higher. Use of the card led to immediate cost savings of £200,000 a year.

BOC's pilot followed an analysis showing that 60 per cent of purchase and invoice-matching activities involved transactions of less than £250 each. Collectively, however, they accounted for only 3 per cent of purchasing expenses.

After the pilot, 220 BOC Gases managers and 20 in processing plants hold corporate purchasing cards, using them for an estimated 21,000 transactions a year, buying goods worth £2.5 million. The transaction limit has been pushed up to £1,000, covering 88 per cent of purchases which, Mr Bailey said, is 11.4 per cent of the total by value.

UK firms falling behind



Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, UK's biggest earner

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

AS THE debate rages about the competitiveness of British industry, fresh evidence emerges of corporate UK's reduced role on the world stage in the 1995 edition of *The Times 1000*.

Just three British companies — of which two are jointly owned by Dutch interests — figure among the world's top 50 industrial companies, with only Royal Dutch Shell, ranked tenth, listed in the top ten. British Petroleum comes in 12th and Unilever 31st. BAT Industries, listed 49th in the last edition, no longer figures in the top 50.

Japan claims the top five places in the table, which rates companies by annual turnover, with Itochu Corp retaining first place after seeing turnover rise to £111.4 billion from £89.14 billion. General Motors, America's biggest company, falls to sixth place from second place last time.

British companies fare better among Europe's elite. In terms of profitability, Britain is unrivalled, accounting for 23 of the top 50 companies. Royal/Dutch Shell and British Telecom again head this table, with Siemens, Germany's most profitable company, ranked only 12th.

In the UK, British Petroleum remains unchallenged in pole position, with turnover of £47.65 billion, followed at some distance by Shell Transport and Trading, the British half of Royal/Dutch Shell, with turnover of £25.34 billion. BAT Industries is third (£17.9 billion) and British Telecom fourth (£13.68 billion). British Telecom is also the UK's most profitable company, earning £3.15 billion before tax.

☐ *The Times 1000 is compiled by Extel Financial and published by Times Books, 77-85 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, London W6*

New directors for BSkyB board

FIVE new non-executive directors have joined the board of BSkyB, the company's pathfinder prospectus, to be published today, will disclose. Two new executive directors have also joined the satellite television group's board.

John Thornton, a Goldman Sachs partner, who represented Star TV, the Hong Kong television group, when The News Corporation beat Pearson in bidding for it, has joined the board with Geoffrey Bible, chief executive of Philip Morris, Philip Bowman, a Bass director, Dennis Stevenson, chairman of SRU, the management consultancy, and Sir John Collins, chief executive of Vestey, Britain's largest private company.

David Chance, deputy managing director of BSkyB, and Richard Brooke, finance director, are the new executive directors.

News Corp, 50 per cent owner of BSkyB and ultimate parent of *The Times*, will not sell any BSkyB shares for a year after the flotation. It has also agreed that if it wants to sell any shares after this period, it will let Pearson and Granada sell first, if they wish to. In the flotation, News Corp will cut its stake to 40 per cent.

BSkyB announced last week that it is joining forces with British Telecom to offer Sky TV customers cheaper rates on a range of BT discount schemes.

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DESIGN COMPETITION FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Applications to be included on a select list are invited from consortia of consultants. Each consortium must include architects, mechanical and electrical engineers, quantity surveyors and structural and civil engineers. The suitability of each consortium for inclusion on the select list will be determined by the collective ability and experience of the individual practices.

The lead consultant from each successful consortium will act as the interface between the consortium and the Competition Manager appointed from within the Estate Services Directorate of the Department of Health and Social Services.

The design competition is for a new hospital block providing the main entrance, out patients, wards, day procedures, imaging and other clinical and ancillary services. The contest will be in two stages, the first stage requiring conceptual designs and the second requiring final sketch designs.

The construction cost of the scheme will be in excess of £30m.

Interested applicants must submit with their application the following details : -

- a description of the individual member firms of the consortium's involvement with major hospital projects, together with the clients names, during the last 5 years.
- a list of major non-hospital projects undertaken during the same period.
- details of previous projects exhibiting particular design qualities including any specific projects which were considered for, or received design awards.
- the size and structure of each practice / company in the consortium.
- proposals as to how the project will be resourced and how an ongoing interface with the client and the agents of the client will be provided at a local level.
- the relevant qualification and experience of the partners and senior members of staff who would be involved in the project.
- current and projected workload of each practice / company in the consortium.
- certified statement as to the financial status of each practice / company.

A preliminary list will be established on the basis of the submissions. Those included on this list will subsequently be requested to complete a detailed questionnaire and attend for interview during which they will be requested to make a presentation. Following this interview the successful consortia will be invited to compete in the design competition.

Applications should be submitted by 1 December 1994 to : The Chief Executive, The Royal Group of Hospitals and Dental Hospital Health and Social Services Trust, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA, Northern Ireland. Tel No 0232 240503, Fax 0232 240899.

A notice for this design competition has also been placed in The Official Journal of the European Community.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
In the matter of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and in the matter of WILLIAM JAMES SANDERSON (an BANKRUPTCY)
Guildford County Court No 74 of 1987
of 4 Orchard Road, Farnborough, Hampshire
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to declare a first and final dividend to the creditors of the above named debtor. Creditors who have not yet done so are required, on or before 1 December 1994, to send their proof of debt to D L Morgan of Touche Ross & Co, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London Ec4A 3AS, the trustee in bankruptcy, and if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the trustee to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt by the date specified will be excluded from the dividend. The first and final dividend will be declared no later than 4 months from the last date of proving.
Dated 8 November 1994
D L Morgan
Trustee in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SOLE LIQUIDATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
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SLOUGH COUNTY COURT NO 71 OF 1994
Principal Trading Address Poyle Trading Estate, Blackthorne Road, Colnbrook, Slough
Company Number 00403237
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 24 October 1994 D L Morgan was appointed liquidator of the above named company (compulsory winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference NIDN/MJP/
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 29 November 1994 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 8 day of November 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
I.C. ERASMUS
DIRECTOR.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Sections 392 & 393.
Authorisation of Insolvency Practitioners
TAKE NOTE that I Alan Simon (previously known as Alan Smith) of Langley House, Park Road, East Finchely, London N2 8EX intend to apply to the Secretary of State under the provisions of the above act for authorisation to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
Any person having reason to believe that such authorisation should not be granted should, within 28 days of publication of this notice communicate such reason to the Department of Trade & Industry, Room 409, Bridge Place, 88/89 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PT.
Dated this Wednesday the 9th of November 1994.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925, that the A F Budge Limited Pension and Life Assurance Scheme ("the scheme") is winding up. Any person who has a claim against, entitlement under or interest in the Scheme is required to provide written particulars to Sedgwick Noble Lowndes & Partners, Tricorn House, 51-53 Hagely Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B16 8TP (Reference LBJ) on or before 20 January 1995. After this date the Trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the Scheme among the persons entitled to them having regard only to the claims of which he has prior written notice and will not be liable for assets of the Scheme or any part of them so distributed to any person of whose claim or demand the Trustee has not then had notice.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: British Steel, E.I.D.-Parry, Renold, Pilot Investment Trust, RIT Capital Partners, Sketchley, James Smith Estates, Thomson Corp (Q3), Wardle Storeys. **Finals:** Bett Bros, UK Estates. **Economic statistics:** CBI distributive trades survey, producer prices (Oct).

TOMORROW

Interims: Break for the Border, Capitol Group, Casket, Cedardata, De La Rue, European Colour, General Accident (Q3), Great Portland Estates, Hambros, C. E. Heath, Invesco Korea Trust, John Lusty, Marshalls, PowerGen, Sedgwick (Q3), Sims Food, St James's Place Capital, Symonds Engineering, Willshaw. **Finals:** BOC, British Empire Securities, James Dickie, Finsbury Growth Trust, Securitised Endowment, Charles Sidney. **Economic statistics:** Acquisitions and mergers within the UK (Q3), construction — new orders (Sept).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: British Gas (Q3), Channel Holdings, Christie Group, Essex & Suffolk Water, Fulcrum Investment Trust, Land Securities, M&G Income Investment Trust, M&G Recovery Investment Trust, Property Partnerships, U.K. Land, Unigate, Volex, Vosper Thornycroft, WMGO, Young & Co's Brewery. **Finals:** Capital Radio, Lynx Holdings, VTR. **Economic statistics:** Public sector borrowing requirement (Oct), retail prices index (Oct), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (Oct — provisional); average earnings indices (Sept — provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes; includes long-term unemployment — quarterly analysis of unemployment by age and duration (Oct).

THURSDAY

Interims: ACT, Brockhampton Holdings, FKI, Grampian TV, Hardy Oil & Gas, Thomas Locker, Meyer Intl, National Power, Personal Assets Trust, Portsmouth & Sunderland, Regalian Properties, Scapa, Arthur Shaw, 600 Group, TR Property Investment Trust, Telegraph (Q3), Wah Kwong Shipping, Whitbread, Willis Corroon (Q3), York Waterworks. **Finals:** Carr's Milling, Clyde Blowers, Glasgow Income Trust, Millwall Holdings, Wigmore Property Investment Trust. **Economic statistics:** Motor vehicle production (Oct), machine tools (Sept), retail sales (Oct), financial statistics (Nov).

FRIDAY

Interims: Black Arrow, Honda Motor, Lazard Select Investment Trust, Radstone Technology. **Finals:** Perpetual, Unigroup. **Economic statistics:** UK output, income and expenditure (Q3), capital expenditure (Q3 — provisional), stocks and work in progress (Q3 — provisional), building societies' monthly figures (Oct), provisional estimates of M4 and counterparts (October), major British banking groups' monthly statement (end-October).

COMPANIES



PHILIP PANGALOS

Power firms to light up dividends

POWERGEN: Attention will focus on the traditionally generous dividend payouts paid by all utilities when PowerGen reports interim figures tomorrow.

NatWest has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £110 million (£108 million), though the interim dividend is forecast to jump 18 per cent to 4.65p (3.95p). Market forecasts range from £100 million to £119 million. The Government is due to sell its remaining 40 per cent stake next February, and a dividend on this scale is expected to help prospects for the sell-off.

NATIONAL POWER: National Power, the larger of the two English power generators, is also expected to pay a generous dividend when it reports on Thursday. UBS forecasts interim pre-tax profits of £201 million (£250 million), though the comparative period is distorted by a £45 million exceptional profit. Market forecasts range from £201 million to £222 million, with the dividend predicted to advance to 4.35p-4.9p (3.75p). Attention will also focus on market share; UBS expects a 1 percentage point reduction.

WHITBREAD: The pubs, brewing and restaurants group, should turn in a modest half-year profits improvement when it announces its results on Thursday. UBS has pencilled in interim pre-tax profits of £142 million, against £132 million last year. A dividend of 5.15p (5p) is predicted.

BRITISH STEEL: Higher prices and demand as economies recover should boost first-half profits from the steelmaker, due today. Strong price rises have been achieved since the start of the year, while volumes have continued to rise and raw material costs have weakened. A better contribution from associate companies and lower interest costs should add to the improvement.

Pete Deighton, of Smith New Court, has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £126 million (£27 million). Mr Deighton, whose forecast is at the lower end of City expectations, sees overcapacity as the main factor holding back British Steel, offsetting the recovery in its markets. Market forecasts range from £125 million to £150 million. An increased dividend of 1.5p-2p (0.5p) is predicted.

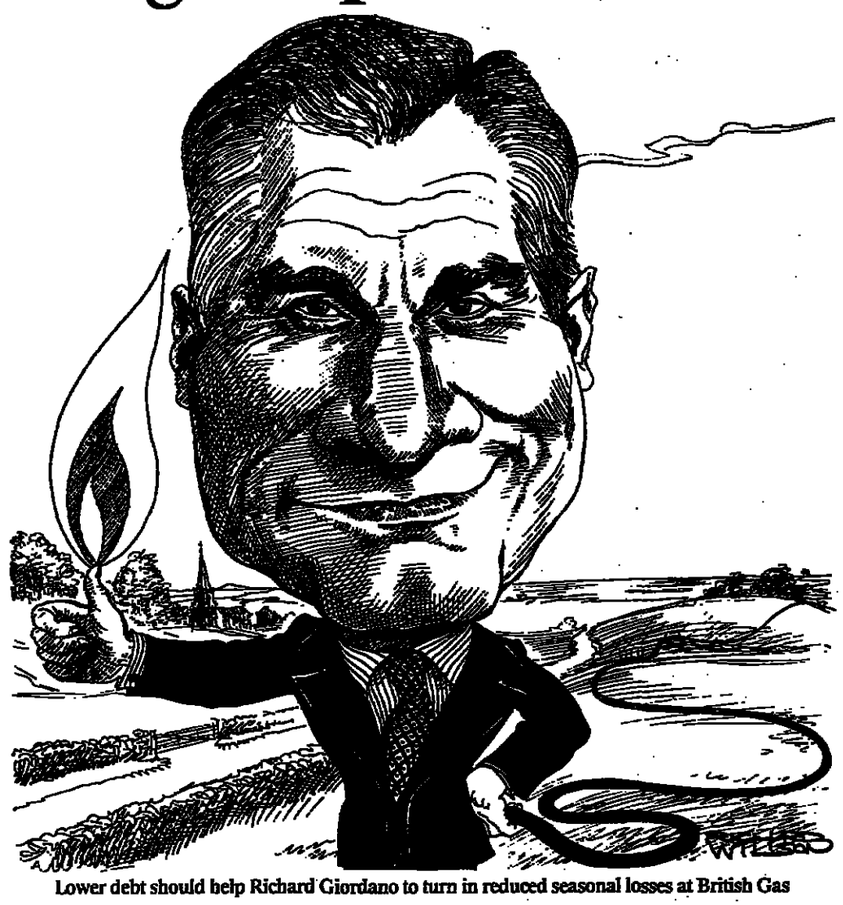
BOC GROUP: Tomorrow's full-year results from BOC, the industrial gases to healthcare group, should show strong volume growth and improving margins for gases, reflecting steady economic recovery.

Martin Evans, of Hoare Govett, has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £330 million clean of exceptionals, compared with £337.6 million. This is at the lower end of forecasts ranging from £330 million to £356 million. Analysts said that profits may be hit by a total exceptional charge of about £93.7 million, which was previously announced and relates to a worldwide restructuring. BOC, which announces its dividends a year in advance, will pay out an unchanged dividend of 23.2p for the year. Attention will, therefore, turn to the forthcoming year's first interim dividend payment, in which an increase is widely hoped for.

BRITISH GAS: Most analysts expect British Gas, which is chaired by Richard Giordano, to turn in slightly reduced seasonal losses when it reports third-quarter figures on Wednesday, helped by lower debt and cost cutting.

Seasonal factors make the third quarter British Gas's weakest, a factor exacerbated by a relatively mild September this year. The team at NatWest Securities has pencilled in a historic cost net loss of £232 million, down £7 million compared with 1993. Loss forecasts range from £178 million to £232 million.

British Gas's figures are due on the same day when a new Gas Act, paving the way for full competition in the supply of gas in Britain by 1998, is expected to be announced in the Queen's Speech to Parliament.



Lower debt should help Richard Giordano to turn in reduced seasonal losses at British Gas

HAMBROS: Hambros, the merchant bank, is tomorrow expected to reveal scars inflicted by upheavals in the bond market earlier this year, after SG Warburg last week revealed how badly it had been affected by the bonds turbulence. NatWest expects Hambros to report a slide in interim pre-tax profits to £20 million (£41.1 million), additionally depressed by weaker performances by its banking and insurance subsidiaries. The interim dividend should be maintained at 4.5p.

UNIGATE: Competitive trading conditions are expected to restrict profits growth at Unigate, the dairy products to road transport group.

Analysts say Unigate's St Ivel unit, making yoghurt, fromage frais and chilled dairy desserts, will have seen a margin squeeze from supermarkets, while it has also struggled with the effect of lower cheese prices.

Tim Potter, of Smith New Court, expects interim pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, to dip to £49.5 million, compared with £51 million. A maintained interim dividend of 6p is predicted.

The group has already given warning about the effect of the rise in raw milk prices in the second half. Analysts think Unigate is likely to take a large exceptional restructuring charge in the second half, though this is expected to be announced at a later date.

Analysts will also be looking for comment from Unigate on the future of its 32 per cent stake in Verenigde Bedrijven Nutricia.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Flurry before the Budget

THIS week sees a bumper crop of British statistics that will give the Chancellor the last snapshot of economic activity before he makes his final judgments for the Budget on November 29. And, across the Atlantic, all eyes will be on the meeting starting tomorrow of the Federal Open Market Committee amid widespread expectations that the Fed will raise interest rates for the sixth time this year.

The Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey, out today, will provide the latest snapshot of activity in the key retail and motor trades sectors.

Today also sees October's figures for industry's raw materials and factory gate prices. The median forecast of economists polled by MMS International is for a drop in input prices of 0.3 per cent, compared with September's 0.7 per cent rise. Output prices are expected to rise 0.2 per cent, the same rise as in the previous month.

On "Super" Wednesday, headline October retail prices are expected to have risen 0.3 per cent, giving a year-on-year rate of 2.6 per cent, from 2.2 per cent in September. The median forecast for unemployment in October is for a fall of around 25,000; September's decline was 28,000.

Wednesday also sees publication of October's public sector borrowing requirement, the last figure on the fiscal side of the equation before the Budget. MMS figures show forecasts in a range between £0.2 billion and £2.5 billion. Also of interest on Wednesday will be the publication of the minutes of the September monetary meeting.

Thursday sees the figures for retail sales in October. The median MMS forecast is for a rise in sales of 0.3 per cent, somewhat weaker than the 0.5 per cent increase reported for September.

Capping off a busy week will be October M4 money supply figures. More keenly looked at, however, will be revised figures for third-quarter gross domestic product.

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Pension schemes oppose compensation fund

By Robert Miller

OPPOSITION is growing to company pension schemes having to fund a compensation scheme, expected under a pensions Bill due to be announced in the Queen's Speech on Wednesday.

A survey by Hogg Robinson Financial Services of medium-sized companies, which will be most directly affected by the Government's plans to tighten pension scheme rules, produced a response of 80 per cent against the Government's intentions.

The National Association of Pension Funds is due to debate the pensions Bill at its conference on Thursday, the day after the Queen's Speech. Ron Amy, association chairman, said: "We will be debating the possible content of the forthcoming pensions Bill. We hope that the Bill will enhance the security of pension funds without imposing unacceptable extra costs on employers."

Hogg Robinson's survey, of more than 500 firms employing nearly half a million people, says that a mere 12 per cent believe that member-elected trustees will prevent another scandal of the Robert Maxwell type. Schemes responding to government consultation had average membership of 30,000, against an average of just under 400 for firms surveyed by Hogg.

About 75 per cent of respondents consider the Government to be too soft on training trustees and believe that training should be compulsory. However, 77 per cent of firms surveyed agreed that proposals to keep a scheme funded to a minimum level will improve members' security and 66 per cent of companies agreed that inflation-proofing of company pension schemes should be compulsory.

Hogg also discovered that 25 per cent of companies will consider reducing scheme benefits if changes to pension law force increased costs. However, at least 12 per cent of companies have not yet equalised retirement ages despite a legal retirement to do so.

Roger Westwood, managing director of Hogg Robinson Financial Services, said: "Medium-sized companies are strongly against the idea that their occupational pension scheme should pay when another company's scheme is being defrauded. The compensation scheme is by far the most unpopular of all the Government's proposals. There is, however, significant support for compensation being met from general taxation. It is also of particular interest to note that by far the majority feel that trustee training should become compulsory.

"We were concerned that the views of medium-sized companies had not recently been widely canvassed and, as such, would not be adequately represented in the next stage of the legislative process, the debate on the pensions Bill. We undertook the survey to address this and have sent our report to the Secretary of State for Social Security." Mr Westwood said.

New issue decisions 'often made in hours'

By Philip Pangalos

NEARLY a third of institutions responsible for managing an estimated combined total of £650 billion of funds spend less than three hours when deciding whether to invest in a new issue, according to a survey.

The survey, by KPMG Corporate Finance, examined what fund managers look for in the new issues market. The survey, which comes at a critical time after a number of new issues have hit problems, interviewed 105 respondents, including investment trusts, investment managers, insurance companies and pension funds.

Those interviewed were senior decision-makers responsible for investment in new share flotations and effectively control about three-quarters of value of funds invested. Apart from the bigger flotations, of more than £200 million or so, the typical amount invested in new issues ranges from £500,000 to £2 million.

The survey found that the leading consideration for professionals evaluating flotation is the quality and consistency of management, followed by the issue price, the area of activity, growth prospects, trading record and the balance sheet. Respondents had, on average, invested in 14 new issues in 1994.

The key factor when evaluating a new issue was price, comparative to other quoted companies. Investors place least emphasis on the view of brokers' salesmen.

The decision time on investment in new issues is short. Most respondents would analyse a flotation within 24 hours (55 per cent). About 11 per cent of investors would take up to one hour to decide, while 21 per cent would decide in two to three hours. About one in four would take between two days and a week to decide (24 per cent). Few take longer than this. Investment managers and advisers appear to take the least time deciding, with 22 per cent saying that they take up to one hour.

The most important factor, investors say, is the growth prospect (expressed against the sector), cited by nine out of ten respondents as a key issue. Other key factors include the proportion of founder shareholders' stock being sold (84 per cent), year-on-year growth prospects (83 per cent) and the percentage held by founders post-flotation (77 per cent).

Neil Austin, head of new issues at KPMG, said: "There is clearly concern when it is seen that the main reason for a float is for the founders to unload most of their shares."

Investors were also asked which advisers/sponsors they considered particularly strong in new issues. SG Warburg was most frequently mentioned (by 42 per cent), followed by Cazenove (25 per cent), James Capel (21 per cent), Panmure Gordon (16 per cent) and BZW (15 per cent).

Responding to the same question but in relation to smaller issues under £50 million, Panmure Gordon was most frequently mentioned, followed by SG Warburg (30 per cent), UBS (25 per cent), Beeson Gregory (22 per cent), NatWest Markets (22 per cent) and BZW (21 per cent).

Among those considered key brokers for flotations under £50 million, Panmure led, with 52 per cent, followed by James Capel (42 per cent), Warburg Securities (38 per cent), Beeson Gregory (36 per cent), Cazenove (34 per cent) and Hoare Govett (34 per cent).

Cash call for Lloyd's company

NOBLE & Co, the Edinburgh finance house, is seeking to raise £9 million for Hardy Underwriting, a Lloyd's-dedicated corporate company (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The company intends to invest about £15 million in a single syndicate at Lloyd's, Syndicate 382, which has made an annual average profit to net premiums written of 28 per cent since it was set up in 1975. Over the same period, Lloyd's as a whole has produced a return of 1.6 per cent.

Investors are being offered 4.5 million units comprising one ordinary share at 100p and 100p of convertible unsecured loan stock at par. The loan stock, which will carry a coupon of 10 per cent, is convertible at the issue price into ordinary shares in five years' time or, if earlier, on the company gaining a stock market listing. Half the issue is already subscribed or reserved.

SIMON WALKER



Peter Jones, chief executive of Sunihama, playing his invention, the Jamma

Investment with no strings

By Our City Staff

PETER Jones, chief executive of Sunihama, will be seeking investors this week in a bid to raise £812,000 to launch his new company under the Enterprise Investment Scheme.

Proceeds will be used to fund production, development and marketing of the Jamma, a new musical instrument that is shaped like an electric guitar without strings, but produces many different sounds. Mr Jones, a musician who has worked in the electronics and computer technology fields for a number of years, invented the Jamma, which will retail for about £500. It has been tried out by a number of well-known names in the music industry, including Aswad.

The instrument, which has a relatively easy playing technique and can create percussion effects as well as being able to play an electronic sampler, is aimed at professional and amateur musicians, as well as the disc jockey and home entertainment markets.

The minimum investment in the EIS issue is £5,000. Gains made on EIS investments at the end of a five-year period should be free from tax. The investment risk will be clearly shown in Sunihama's prospectus.

Barclays disposes of US lender for $500m

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BARCLAYS Bank will make a profit before tax of $275 million from the sale of its American asset-based lending operation to Shawmut National Corporation.

Barclays agreed the terms of a sale of Barclays Business Credit (BBC), a Connecticut subsidiary, to Shawmut for more than $500 million at the weekend.

The two sides expect the deal to be completed in the first quarter of next year, subject to regulatory approvals. Shawmut, a New England finance house, will pay a premium of $290 million to the operation's net asset value at completion. At the end of December last year, the assets were valued at $213.7 million.

Barclays has been concentrating its efforts in America on its institutional and corporate banking business through BZW.

Two years ago, the bank undertook a review of its American operations. Then, last year, it said it had decided to concentrate on wholesale banking, international equities and government securities through BZW.

Some other businesses, many of them loss-making, were designated non-core. Since then, Barclays has been pulling out of the retail and small business finance houses it built up during the 1980s.

BBC was bought by Barclays in 1980. Unlike some of the other non-core operations, it is profitable. It made profits before tax of $67.5 million last year and for the first nine months of this year its unaudited pre-tax profits were $58.1 million. At the end of September its loan book was estimated at $2.1 billion.

BBC's 300 employees will join Shawmut.

Martin Taylor, Barclays' chief executive, said BBC is a successful operation. "However, the Barclays Group's strategy in the United States is to concentrate on serving investment banking clients, particularly those whose requirements are global," he said.

Richard Webb, who runs Barclays' North American operations, said BBC needed to be part of a group with a long-term commitment to middle market business.

Much of BBC's lending is to small and medium-sized companies.

Boots deal with BASF likely today

By Susan Gilchrist

THE Boots Company is expected to announce the long-awaited sale of its pharmaceutical arm today to BASF, the German chemicals group.

BASF is believed to have outbid a management consortium backed by Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, which was the only other contender for the business in the final stages.

The management consortium is thought to have offered about £800 million.

Competition for the division has been fierce. Other interested parties included Zeneca and Medeva, the British drugs groups, and Menarini, an Italian company.

Boots' share price enjoyed a brief surge last week, buoyed by widespread speculation that a deal would be announced before the weekend. However, the shares fell 8p to 513p on Friday as hopes of an early announcement receded.

The sale will mark the end of a difficult chapter for the group. The future of its pharmaceutical division has been under review for more than a year after the sudden withdrawal of Manoplax, the controversial heart drug.

Boots has recognised that it does not have the scale to compete in ethical pharmaceuticals and is keen to concentrate its resources on over-the-counter medicines.

Shareholders are likely to receive a special one-off dividend after any disposal.

At the group's interim results earlier this month, Sir James Blyth, the chief executive, said he had "no hangups" about giving money back to shareholders.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Woolwich follows C&G with update

THE Woolwich Building Society is checking that the records of its 4.5 million savers are up to date. Letters are being sent to the members asking them to detail all their accounts. Cash prizes of £2,500, £1,500 and £1,000 are being offered in a draw to encourage members to reply to the forms being sent out now. The third-largest building society denied that the de-duplication of customers on its computerised records has anything to do with possible conversion to a public company or in preparation for a takeover by an existing PLC.

A spokesman said it would free up capacity on its new computer, which was being gradually brought on line. It would also save the society the cost of sending out a mailing for each account to customers with several different ones. When Cheltenham & Gloucester was preparing for its proposed takeover by Lloyds Bank a year ago, it tidied up its computer records in a similar way by offering prizes.

'Male bosses preferred'

PROFESSIONAL women would rather work with men than other women, according to a MORI survey published today. Four times as many professional women would rather work with men than other women, says the report for Hays Personnel Services and just 4 per cent of women and 4 per cent of men would prefer a woman boss. In banking, no women preferred a woman boss. More than three-quarters of professional men oppose positive discrimination. Only 37 per cent of women wanted to be the boss of a major company compared with 62 per cent of men. Female bankers were the most ambitious group, with 58 per cent aiming for the top.

Boost for bond markets

THE international market for new securities issues is showing signs of stronger activity and the outlook is better than earlier in the year, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said. In its thrice-yearly report, *Financial Market Trends*, the Paris-based think-tank said the volume of new bond issues had been gathering pace while investors seemed more ready to buy longer-term paper. The overall volume of borrowing, inside and outside the OECD, was $644 billion in the nine-month period, against $610 billion in the same period last year. New bond issues totalled $316.6 billion against $363.2 billion.

Pru to open in Hanoi

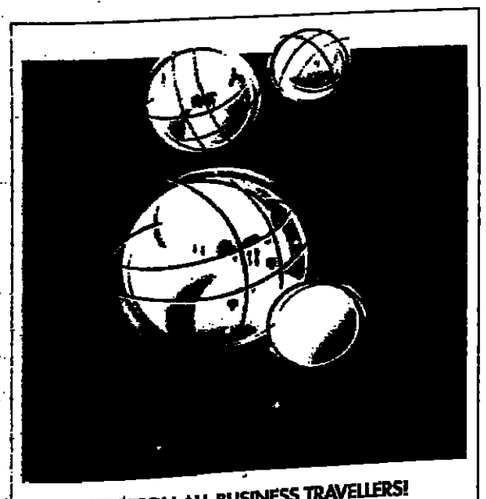
THE Prudential Corporation has received a licence to open an office in Hanoi and plans to set up a representative office in the Vietnamese capital by the end of this year, according to Mick Newmarch, the chief executive. He said the company would seek an operating licence and consider setting up a joint venture in Vietnam later. The Pru is especially interested in life insurance business, which, said Mr Newmarch, it sees "as a marketplace that is in the very early stages of development, but a marketplace that has a potential appeal at some point in the future".

Gilts appeal to funds

THE percentage of fund managers who plan to raise their exposure to gilts remained high, at 41 per cent, according to the Smith New Court monthly survey of investment intentions. There has also been a revival of interest in UK equities, with a balance of 17 per cent of managers planning to increase their exposure. At the same time, 27 per cent are planning to cut their weighting to continental markets and 34 per cent plan to reduce their exposure to US equities. The percentage expecting inflation to rise over the next 12 months has fallen to 75 per cent from 82 per cent last month.

Asprey denies problems

ASPREY, the jewellers, yesterday vehemently denied reports published in *The Mail on Sunday* that it had lost the support of its bankers. A company statement said: "Asprey is not in, nor is it in danger of, default under any of its banking arrangements. The suggestion that it faces receivership is absurd." The newspaper based its allegations on an internal memorandum at the Bank of Scotland, one of Asprey's bankers, which was written last month soon after the group issued a profits warning. Asprey said it would initiate legal proceedings against *The Mail on Sunday*.



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THE POUND

US dollar
1.5995 (-0.0088)
German mark
2.4445 (-0.0085)
Exchange index
80.3 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2365.0 (-6.7)
FT-SE 100
3075.9 (-21.7)
New York Dow Jones
3801.47 (-6.05)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
19284.36 (-527.20)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.06
Austria Sch	18.21	16.71
Belgium Fr	53.51	49.11
Canada $	2.281	2.121
Cyprus Cyp£	0.783	0.733
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.37
Finland Mkk	8.08	7.38
France Fr	8.90	8.20
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	398.00	373.00
Hong Kong $	13.01	12.01
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	170.50	154.50
Malta	0.620	0.585
Netherlds Gld	2.894	2.664
Norway Kr	11.29	10.49
Portugal Esc	250.50	242.00
S Africa Rd	ret.	5.37
Spain Pta	211.00	197.00
Sweden Kr	12.30	11.50
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.00
Turkey Lira	refer	56683.0
USA $	1.598	1.568

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading on Friday.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

CHASE OFF
(c) In real tennis, if a chase is laid and equalled but not bettered from the hazard side, "chase off" is given and the point cancelled. A chase is applied to the second impact on the floor (or in a gallery) of a ball which the opponent has failed or declined to return; the value of which is determined by the nearness of the impact spot to the end wall.

MASSE
(b) A billiard stroke made with the cue pointed vertically down at the cloth, necessitated by the proximity of a third ball, and making the balls jump, from the French past participle of *masser* to play a stroke of this kind. "The technicalities of nursery cannons, massé cannons, and winning and losing hazards." "He played the massé well for an Englishman."

FOSBURY FLOP
(b) The method of high-jumping with back towards the bar at take-off, so that the legs bend at the knees to negotiate an even greater height at the last minute. An ingenious but ugly way of jumping invented by an American jumper called Fosbury.

GUTTA PERCHA
(a) A gutta-percha golf ball, a golf ball covered with the inspissated gum of various trees found chiefly in the Malayan archipelago, from the Malay *gutta* inspissated juice + *percha* the name of the tree, "the gum of percha". "He seizes his sand-iron and, with a skilful jerk behind his ball, frees it and taking his long spoon — a wooden-headed club — Jones drives forth his gutta from its not too favourable lying position."

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British business needs the public to feel a lot better



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

The best guide to the Queen's Speech on Wednesday may be America's mid-term elections last week. The odd thing about that landslide was that, if President Clinton's approval rating is anything to judge by, there has been no substantial swing against him since he was elected two years ago. Numerically, at least, it just looks as though the Ross Perot vote went Republican.

Such protest voters are surely the people who would have responded most readily to the fictional injunction of newscaster Howard Beale, in the film *Network*, to open their windows and yell "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this any more". This is hardly a new phenomenon; the film was made 18 years ago. But the Perot affair may have emboldened the discontented in the voting booth.

The sources of their discontent in a buoyant economy have been well aired. Economic growth is not bringing higher net pay; simple Kiplingesque values are up the spout and people feel bad because of high crime, greater job insecurity in the expanded workforce and the decline of full-time jobs paying family-sustaining wages. The frustrated, whether vocal minority or silent majority, appear to want order and stability, though they are unlikely to get it from Republicans any more than from Democrats.

The supposedly mysterious feel-bad factor dogging Britain's recovery has similar causes. People ask why, if the economy is so strong, we can no longer afford the "traditional" welfare state. Well-founded fears that future income is not secure are clearly holding back the housing market. In Britain, even more than in most of Western Europe, "mad as hell" frustration is often vented on Brussels. Hence the high "no" votes in most Euro-referendums from France to Sweden, in the face of the nearly unanimous urgings of business and the political establishment. But it operates at home too.

Take pensions. In the early 1980s, most people were not too worried about their retirement, though they might have had cause to be. The vast majority seemed to be covered by secure company pensions, Serps or at least a state pension uprated with earnings. Not any more.

Faith in final-salary company pensions has been undermined by the much-heralded end of life-time employment and the Robert Maxwell affair, even though pensions are generally better protected. Serps is on the skids. The seemingly attractive alternative of personal pensions has sunk in a mire of high cost and bad selling. The Conservatives' state pension promise is no longer believed. If Labour follows the Commission on Social Justice, it would probably not restore that promise without means-testing.

Both Labour and Thatcherite Tories are poised to damn the Queen's Speech as unexciting, almost solely because plans to privatise the Royal Mail have been shelved. They agree it will show that the Government has run out of steam. Quite why they think the Queen's Speech *should* excite the public is, however, unclear. Successful economic management and crime reduction, for instance, do not necessarily need legislation. Monetary arrangements have been improved with all-party acceptance via informal changes. The City of London managed to set up its "ring of plastic", with dramatic effects on crime as well as anti-terrorist protection, without a parliamentary Bill. The City acted in response to popular business demand, notably from American and Japanese banks. How many dying business communities and crime-ridden housing estates would jump at the chance of something similar, if less expensive?

Month after month, business people are frustrated in some useful minor reform because it requires primary legislation but is not sexy enough to make the Government's programme. Yet breaking up the Post Office was not a popular idea. For that matter, the gas competition Bill, or some dynamic substitute for the Post Office, such as privatising air traffic control, would not be wildly popular either, though they might be less unpopular.

The Thatcher revolution was popular, recessions aside, because it addressed the anger symbolised in the 1978-79 winter of discontent. Privatisation, competition and deregulation were means to that end. In the residue of Thatcherite radicalism, they have become the end, threatening themselves to become sources of insecurity and discontent.

In the Queen's Speech, the Government has the opportunity to make people feel better by making company pension schemes much more secure from rogues and from the envious eyes of the less scrupulous finance director. Unless there has been a late change of heart, however, it will deliver only half a loaf. The pensions industry and, doubtless, scheme members want positive regulation to encourage a high code of conduct and monitor those that do not meet it. Peter Lilley's pensions White Paper rejected it — solely, it seems, on ideological grounds. This has little to do with radicalism, or running out of steam, but everything to do with meeting common sense concerns.

Labour will profit from this lack of responsiveness, just as the Republicans have, but might find it just as hard to deliver. New-look Labour has embraced much of the American vision of the economy which is now shared by British business but has become so unpopular over there: jobs rather than security, permanently high frictional unemployment, and rolling back the drive to home ownership. A permanently high tax burden can therefore be taken for granted. Public opinion is, admittedly, nearly always too conservative for the good of the economy. But business needs a feel-good factor. A little populism would be good for growth.

THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Still waiting for the train

THE Channel Tunnel never happened in 1881. It never happened in 1973. And though the first public London-Paris train should set off today, MPs, City folk and various dignitiaries already have a host of 1994 delay stories to tell. But spare a thought for Leo d'Erlanger, one-time chairman of Submarine Continental Railway, the company originally established in 1881 to cut the undersea link between Britain and France. D'Erlanger died in 1978 but was so confident the tunnel would one day come true that he asked that his coffin be carried on the first train through. D'Erlanger last journey won't be today, but his family has asked if their dear departed relative may one day still travel. Eurotunnel says it's for the family to secure the necessary approvals, and they will have to get permission to exhume and transport the body. "If they do, we will consider the request sympathetically." Eurotunnel says.

Eating out

BORED with dining in your usual City venue? Tired of being overheard at lunch? Mark de Wesselow and Simon White, who during their City days with BZW and KPMG, respectively, were used to dining out, are today publishing their 1995 edition in the *Square Meal* series, a City guide to eating and corporate entertainment. Ratings include two bowler hats for the Savoy Grill, Tatsuso and Le Pont de la Tour, Le Café du Marché, Taberna Etrusca and Imperial City, among others, are accorded one bowler hat. There is even a section for early birds who will insist on breakfast meetings. The guide is free to those with a City address, and who are pre-registered with *Square Meal*.

THE taxman and the postman must be in an alphabet daze with the quality control and development manager at Croda Colours, the chemicals group at Clone Vale, Huddersfield. His name is Subramaniam Balasubramaniam Kathirgamathamby. "You can call me Thamby," he tells friends.

Global view

NEXT time a group goes for a Stock Exchange listing, a world map identifying company — and country — location could prove useful. Sam Jonah, chief executive of Ghanaian gold company Ashanti, which went public earlier this year, tells of being on a road-show in one city when a "leading" fund manager told him he didn't know where Ghana was. "So I took pen and paper and crudely drew the map of Africa. Before I could finish, he pointed out the location of Israel — and his Israel was very close to Ghana! I said to myself 'O my God. We've got a problem'. But fortunately, his fund subscribed." Jonah recounts.

The long-term jobless are causing concern, **Philip Bassett** reports

Help needed to clear bleakest shores of unemployment

When Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, unveils the unemployment figures this week, new details on how long some people have been without work will throw into sharp relief the key labour market debate in advance of this month's Budget — long-term unemployment.

Suddenly, long-term unemployment (LTU) has emerged as a central element in thinking about economic policy, underlining that even though overall unemployment seems to be on a downward trend, underlying and probably structural unemployment remains a bitter economic problem.

The coalescence of concern about the problem of LTU is extensive:

☐ **Europe.** As well as the focus on LTU in the White Papers on competitiveness and future social policy from the European commissioner for social affairs, the economic problem and social plight of the long-term unemployed will feature at the Commission's annual Employment in Europe conference, opening in Brussels tomorrow. Jacques Delors, the Commission's outgoing president, will also unveil this week the EURES network, an employment information and job vacancy exchange.

☐ **Main industrial countries.** Both the OECD and the Group of Seven nations at this year's Detroit jobs summit identified LTU as a priority — not least because of its potential for social disruption.

☐ **Government.** The Government does not accept that argument but clearly sees LTU as an important market failure with its policy for flexible labour markets: the new Job Seeker's Allowance, which will feature as a Bill in this week's Queen's Speech, is its attempt — already much criticised — to deal with it. In addition, the Chancellor looks likely, in the Budget, to take a new initiative on LTU, picking up proposals offering employers a job subsidy via a National Insurance Contribution holiday to those hiring LTU people.

☐ **Labour.** When Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, unveils Labour's Budget proposals in about a week, they will centre on a welfare-to-work programme aimed at tackling LTU, which Tony Blair, the Labour leader, has cited as the first-line priority for the new political agenda.

☐ **Pressure groups.** National Insurance breaks to help to reduce LTU are being proposed by interest groups ranging from the Adam Smith Institute to the Trades Union Congress, the Social Justice Commission and the Social Security Advisory Committee.

☐ **Business.** Labour and the unions warmly welcomed a new business focus on the long-term unemployed by the CBI, in one of the confederation's most impressive recent pieces of work. Howard Davies, CBI director-general, sees LTU as a "drag anchor on the economy".

Why is so much policy thinking being directed at LTU? Partly because, as the Brussels conference will show, unemployment across most of Europe is still high and still rising, as the table shows, though the Government will claim that falling unemployment in the UK and America is evidence of the success of labour market flexibility.

In the UK, LTU is starting to fall as unemployment declines — and there are hopes in Whitehall that Wednesday's figures will show LTU, currently 1.004 million, will drop below 1 million for the first time since the height of the recession in October 1992.

But just as the improvement in the overall figures disguise some startling unemployment black spots — unemployment among 18 to 19-year-old males, for instance, is at 22.2 per cent more than twice the national average; or the disclosure today by Harriet Harman, Labour's shadow Employment Secretary, that unemployment among the unskilled is still rising — so too do the marginally better LTU figures offer the temptation of illusory economic comfort. Ministers, such as Mr Portillo, like to claim that most people who become unemployed get a job fairly quickly. They are largely right: unemployment is not a closed, stagnant pool of 2.6 million people, but a reservoir both fed and emptied by fast-moving labour market streams.

However, there are many people who get left behind in the silt. According to an analysis by *The Times* today of data held on Government computers, LTU in Britain (counted as those out of work for more than six months) still forms almost three-fifths of total unemployment — 57 per cent.

While that level has varied marginally, it has remained persistently high, dropping only as low as 43 per cent at any point in the 1990s. LTU has deepened, too, in the recession. New research published by the independent Policy Studies Institute confirms that LTU has grown sharply in the South, in the small and medium towns as well as the big cities.

In addition, *The Times* computer analysis shows the strong regional bias in LTU — 33 per cent of men unemployed for more than six months and 35 per cent of women are now in the South East, and the LTU "rate" is as high as 80 per cent in Greater London, reflecting serious inner-city problems.

Using polling interviews by Gallup of 450 long-term unemployed, the CBI identifies the "typical" LTU person: male, a former manual worker, in the prime of life and white; living in London or the South East, and having lost his last job through no fault of his own.

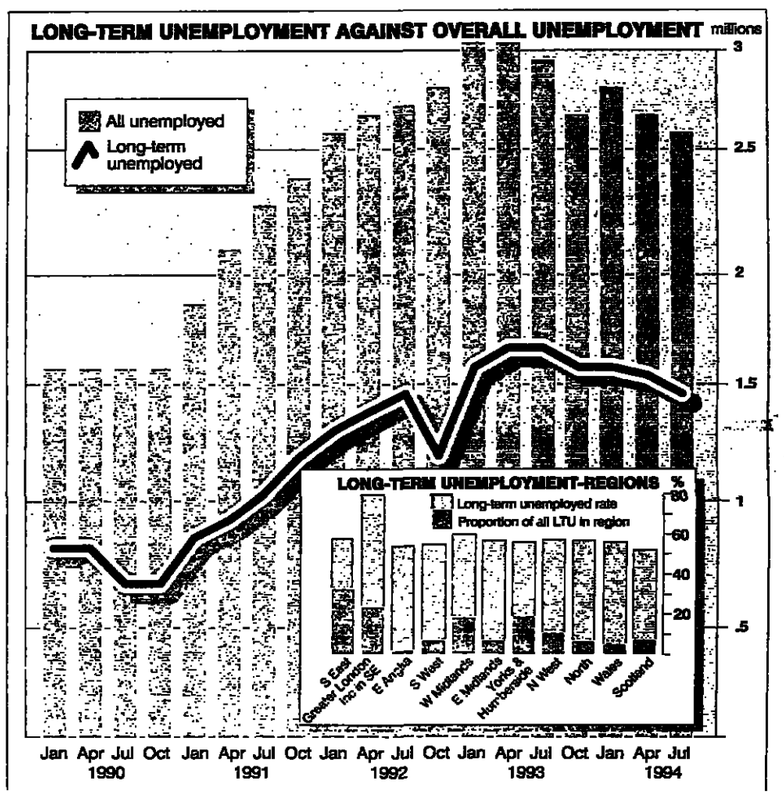
The CBI says that "overall, far too few are able, or willing to contemplate, taking a lower-paying job, a move, or training to help their employability".

Pretty well all sides involved in trying to deal with the problem of LTU recognise the sheer waste, in human and economic terms, that it engenders. That lies at the heart of the wide range of policy approaches, including trying to improve the skills mismatch, clearing away obstacles to effective job search and removing the barriers to work created by the benefits system, which are currently being canvassed.

The Budget may be a key test of how effective such policy proposals have been — though new employment schemes announced in Budgets past often tend, in practice, to produce little of real value in improving the notoriously-difficult workings of the labour market.

What is clear, though, is that few involved in economic policy-making are bedazzled by the continuing fall in headline unemployment — especially when it is stubbornly refusing to be accompanied by a corresponding increase in jobs.

The new emphasis on the primacy of trying to deal with LTU may look anachronistic against a downward jobless trend. But it may mark a more widespread recognition that the easing of recession is unlikely to do much without help for those beached on unemployment's bleakest shores of all.



Cost-cutting Clarke bolsters market

GILT-EDGED

Gilts are looking forward to a tough Budget. They have done better than most international bond markets since Kenneth Clarke returned from the summer holidays pledging no let-up in efforts to cut the PSBR. The Bank of England, admittedly, has had little trouble this year in financing the PSBR within the full funding rule, as modified by Mr Clarke at the time of his last Budget. Even so, the authorities are unlikely to be lulled into complacency over the longer-term damage that continued heavy borrowing might inflict.

Quite apart from Maastricht Treaty commitments, to which the Chancellor is probably reluctant to draw attention, a substantial PSBR in 1995-96 would be a threat to gilt market stability. Bond investors are turning against governments with big budget deficits, and demanding ever higher yields on bonds issued to finance these governments. By cutting PSBR aggressively, Mr Clarke will improve the chances of attracting international funds into gilts without having to offer higher yields.

If reports of the Chancellor's implementing deep cuts in planning totals for public spending are true, the 1995-96 PSBR could be well below £25 billion. Compared with this year's outturn, the decline in PSBR as a proportion of GDP will be at least two percentage points, a sharper cut than most other governments will achieve.

Another reason the authorities are likely to seek a big cut in government borrowing is that this year's funding is less than secure. Changes to the full funding rule last year let banks' and building societies' net purchases of gilts count as funding. From the start of 1993, these purchases by monetary sector institutions have amounted to £9.7 billion. Weak loan demand from the private sector left banks and building societies with spare funds to invest in gilts. The very steep yield curve between three-month money, still only at 6 per cent, and three-year gilts, at 8.4 per cent, encourages switching from short-term instruments to gilt-edged markets.

Similarly, in the US dollar market in 1992-93, slack private credit demand led US banks to deploy surplus funds in short-dated Treasuries. Subsequent events have revealed the risks in this.

Once US loan demand picked up, about a year ago, US banks began to offload Treasuries with a view to channelling the funds so released into much higher-yielding consumer and business loans.

In the UK, there are signs, in credit card lending and loans by finance houses, that consumers' taste for borrowing may be returning. If banks faced stronger private credit demand, they would probably react much as US banks did. They would meet demand by running down gilt holdings. Gilts sold by banks would have to be bought by other investors or refinanced by the Government's issuing more longer-dated paper than would be needed to cover the ongoing PSBR.

The authorities will probably try to limit the monetary sector's gilt sales by enhancing gilts' attractions relative to other asset categories. The Bank may well take this into account as it contemplates reform of the gilt-edged market. If reform enhances gilts' liquidity, that would attract banks.

Even so, it is doubtful that the monetary sector will buy gilts in the year ahead on the past year's scale. It may be a net seller. This shift will put upward pressure on short-dated gilt yields. With long yields recording satisfaction with Mr Clarke's tight fiscal stance, the result is likely to be a negatively sloped yield curve as three to five year yields overtake yields on longer-dated stocks.

STEPHEN LEWIS
The London Bond Broking Company

RADIO CHOICE

Global appeal of the Bard

Everybody's Shakespeare. *Radio 3, 9.00pm.*

Similes flourish in the first of Michael Kustow's five explorations of the universal appeal of the Bard. Some are better than others. "A drop of God on earth," says the Romanian actor Ion Caramitrou. Professor Alan Sinfield takes a more commercial view, contrasting Shakespeare with the global punch of Coca-Cola. Peter Brook, whose Shakespeare productions have rocked the theatrical establishment to its foundations, sees the Bard as an "unshakable Himalaya". Kustow himself paints a cultural weather map of the world in which Mozart is depicted in vivacious red, Ibsen in steely blue and Shakespeare in the orange of an ever-renewing sun. The flower mentioned in sonnet number 65 conveniently serves as Kustow's metaphor for the Bard's universality.

Sportstrack. *Radio 5 Live, 7.35pm.*

Radio 5 has been miserly in allotting only 25 minutes to its montage of the big sporting events of 1970. The network's parsimony is underlined by the fact that producer Shane Stitt also had to squeeze in the pop music hits of the year and such off-the-field dramas as the gold bracelet Bobby Moore was accused of stealing from a shop in Bogota. No wonder there was no time left to mention Margaret Court's winning the longest women's singles final ever played at Wimbledon, or Jochen Rindt's becoming the world's motor racing champion posthumously.

Peter D[illegible]

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, with Superman: Doomsday and Beyond 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley 9.00 Shuttleworth's Showtime: a new series with John Shuttleworth 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Anna Ford 2.00pm Angela Rippon 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Campbell Burnap with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Jazz Score: From the 100 Club, London, the return of the jazz quiz chaired by Benny Green 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.35 Euronews 11.15 Actuality 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 Sportstrack: See Choice 8.00 Football Forum 10.05 News Talk, with Niall Dickson 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight, with Tim Grundy 2.00-5.00 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp, Featuring Update USA

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Frühmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 The Struggle for Oil 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Health Matters 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 News and Business Report 9.15 I've Got Something To Tell You 9.30 The Learning World 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Help! I'm Going To Be a Parent 10.30 The Vintage Chart Show 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Counterpoint 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 It's Your Business 3.00 News 3.15 Pop on the Line 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News and Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoskop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News and Business 10.15 Meridian 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Multitrack 12.00 News 12.10am British News 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Folk 1.45 Health 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Counterpoint 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyle 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 **On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. Vaughan Williams arr Greaves (Fantasia on Greensleeves); J.C. Bach (Sinfonia Concertante in C); Hindemith (Kleine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 2); Liszt (Concert Study No 2: Gnomenreigen); Corelli (Concerto grosso in B flat, Op 6 No 5); Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Gioachino Rossini. Excerpts from the operas *Il Signor Bruschino*, *Tancredi* and *L'Italiana in Algeri* (r)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Edward Blakeman. Glinka (Overture: Ruslan and Ludmilla); Robin Orr (Lyric Piece No 1); Fauré (Barcarolle in F sharp minor, Op 66); Chabrier (Feuillet d'album); 10.20 *Artist of the Week*: Thea King, clarinet. Julius Rietz (Clarinet Concerto); 11.05 Martinů (Overture, 1953); Kodály (Dances from Marosszék); Shostakovich (Symphony No 3)
12.00 **Impresario!** Geoffrey Baskerville presents the first of four programmes on the operatic impresario. With music by Rossini, Donizetti, Verdi and Bellini
1.00pm **BBC Lunchtime Concert**, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano, plays Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défunte; Jeux d'eau; Oiseaux tristes; Alborado del gracioso, Miroirs) Liszt (Ballade No 2 in B minor); Verdi, arr Liszt (Rigoletto — Paraphrase de concert)
2.00 **Schools**: Radio Q and A 2.05 Word Games 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 Frist Steps In Drama
3.00 **Sheba**: Lenin Symphony (N. Malishevsky; narrator; Russian Republic Chamber Chorus; USSR Radio SO under Alexander Gauk)
3.45 **The Dutch Organ**: Hans van Nieuwkoop plays music by Sweelinck (r)
4.30 **The Guitar in Jazz**: Last of the series
5.00 **The Music Machine**: Tommy Pearson finds out why the combination of instruments that makes up a string quartet is so successful
5.15 **In Tune**: Including Dvořák 6.03 Bach 6.30 Prokofiev
7.30 **Sibelius: The Tempest**. Tallis Chamber Choir under Richard Williams and the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi in a concert performance
9.00 **Everybody's Shakespeare**: See Choice
9.30 **Biber**: Artificiosa-Ariosa, Partita No 3 in A; Partita No 7 in C minor (Purcell Quartet) (r)
10.05 **Eric Crozier**: A repeat of his last radio play, *Hardy's Heath*, as a tribute to the librettist and broadcaster
10.25 **Shostakovich**: Symphony No 2, October (Yurlov Russian Choir; Moscow PO)
10.45 **Mixing It**, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30-12.30am **Music Restored**: Paul McCreesh directs the Gabrieli Consort in a programme of early sacred music by Cristóbal de Morales
1.00-1.40 **Night School**: German Stories — Bucherregal

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Benn Tapes 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Start the Week**, presented live from Belfast by Melvyn Bragg and Fionnula O'Connor. With Glenn Patterson, Edna Longley, David McKittrick and Mary McGuckian
10.00-10.30 **News; With Great Pleasure** (FM only): Mary Whitehouse presents her favourite pieces of writing
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only) from St Molua's Parish Church, Belfast
10.15 **Paradise Regained** (LW only) (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**: Jenni Murray discusses the results of the *Woman's Hour* Survey into Women's Health, with Dr Anne McPherson
11.30 **Money Box Live**: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **Screenplay**: Ian Johnstone hosts the panel game 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; An Odd Body**: Last in a four-part detective series by Sue Rodwell. A pregnant woman is held hostage by an armed gunman
3.00 **Anderson Country**, with Gerry Anderson
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope**: Natalie Wheen sees the first of several Ashton programmes at the Royal Ballet and listens to *Operama*, a radio season of dramas and features on the great operas
4.45 **Short Story: Bird In the House**, by Katie Campbell. Read by Lesley Rooney
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue** (r)
7.00 **News** 7.05 **the Archers**
7.20 **The Food Programme**: Derek Cooper finds out how the Germans are taking over meals on wheels (r)
7.45 **The Monday Play: The Natural Parent**. Michael Crompton's play about the adoption of children by gay couples
9.15 **What an Institution**: Fish 'n' Chips. Russell Davies cherishes the institutions which have made Britain great (r)
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime**: Nights at the Circus. Lesley Manville reads a ten-part adaptation of Angela Carter's novel
11.00-11.30 **Education Matters** (LW only), with *The Times* columnist Libby Purves
11.00-11.30 **Home Truths** (FM only): John Miller talks to Helen Foley, who set off for the Sudan at the age of 19 in 1928 (r)
11.30 **A Whole New Ball Game**, by Martin Davies
12.00-12.45am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.45 As World Service (LW only)

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A pair representing the best of their period

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Nice to think of those humble little people whose businesses receive an unexpected fillip from a *volte face* in drama production. In last Monday's *Late Show, "Who Framed Charles Dickens?"* (BBC 2), we met the man whose Victorian stagecoach hire had languished under sheets since *Bleak House* and then hit the big time again with *Middlemarch* and *Martin Chuzzlewit*. Run off his feet, he is now. Doubtless the Guild of British Cobble-Polishers are likewise penning personal thankyou letters to Will Wyatt. Meanwhile the glorious revival of *Just William* (see below) brings timely relief to professional frog-handlers, whose business was about to disappear with a plop.

What brings all this to mind, curiously, is the conjunction of Saturday's deeply serious The Deep Blue Sea (*Performance*, BBC 2) and last night's episode six of the unremittingly dismal *Seaforth* (BBC 1) — both of which featured huge, *stiff sheepskin jackets* as worn by RAF pilots washed up in peacetime; also specialist Battle of Britain moustaches. It was a fitting question for Remembrance Day weekend: You fight in the Battle of Britain, and then what? In *Seaforth*, the pilot (Field) has turned airline entrepreneur and would-be blackmailer, careers in which sang-froid still comes in handy. In Rattigan's *The Deep Blue Sea*, the former pilot Freddie (Colin Firth) is simply out of his emotional depth. Ack-ack has not prepared him for the postwar onslaught of Hester (Penelope Wilton), who loves him so vehemently that he has to grab his sheepskin and bail out.

Rattigan said *le vice Anglais* was "our refusal to admit our emotions", and this vice is much practised in *The Deep Blue Sea* (1952), one of his masterpieces, in which very little actually happens besides people not saying what *they feel, or not feeling as much as* they ought. Set in the dingy living-room of Hester and Freddie's west London flat, it begins with Hester discovered in a failed act of suicide. In the middle, her husband Sir William Collyer (Ian Holm) begs her to return to him, while Hester in turn begs Freddie to stay. The play ends, controversially, with the deserted Hester lighting her cheerless little fire — an act which Rattigan upheld took a lot more courage than inhaling the gas.

Strength and weakness are ambiguous throughout *The Deep Blue Sea*. Sir William is a powerful man, Hester an imperious woman in a very beautiful cardigan and pearls who lapses shockingly into mistress-speak when her landlady annoys her ("Haven't you got work to do?"). But their social position just hems them in — makes them say "Not at all" when they mean "Yes, like hell" — and when needy, their bullying is counter-productive. Karel Reisz's *Performance* production understated the selfishness at work here, making each of them too kind and understanding, mud-dying and softening the grief they caused. The playwright is less generous, more realistic, sharper. When Freddie learns of Hester's attempted suicide, it is significant that he reacts mainly by imagining *his own discomfort had she succeeded*.

In Penelope Wilton's admirable, lived-in performance, Hester's helplessness and passion had tired her out; when she finally broke down and wept at the loss of Freddie, it marked a return to life. Unlike many naturalistic dramas (which fall into a big obvious trap, of characters articulating for the first time things they must surely have said before), *The Deep Blue Sea* rings true from beginning to end. Famously, its composition grew out of a play Rattigan planned about a homosexual affair; and the final-plea infatuation of the older, establishment woman for the dashing but shallow young man operates like certain of Tennessee Williams plays — it simply works better if you imagine both lovers as men. Hester is a great role, but the odd fact remains that she's an archetype for an obsessive, female, *Rose Tattoo*-ish condition *that occurs pretty rarely* beyond the imaginations of gay male playwrights.

Of course, the trick Hester never played on the susceptible Freddie was threatening to thqueam and thqueam till she was thick. As practised by the ringletted Violet Elizabeth in **Just William** (BBC 1), this little ploy regularly unmans William's miniature band of outlaws, and makes them her reluctant slaves. It will be nice for a new generation to know about Violet Elizabeth, especially her power to get schoolboys to dress up as fairies in yellow gauze. No doubt she is a feminist *bête noire*, but I have known feminists who exercise the thqueam tactic in their personal lives, unconsciously and to great effect.

Just William was superb. Beautifully filmed on glorious summer days, it featured well-judged character acting from the grown-ups (the wonderful Marcia Warren as Miss Poll, who squawks "Gilbert the Filbert" at the village fête), tight scripting, great 1930s costumes, and a real star turn from ten-year-old Oliver Rokison as the awful child himself, who delivers comic lines as well as any veteran of the Glasgow Empire. How does he know how to? "Coz I'm the *leader*." The performing frogs were well handled (a critical nod to the professionals never goes amiss), and the plot was genuine, Richmal Crompton benevolent chaos. "Please, um, it's the coat, you see," explains William to Mrs Bott's uniformed maid (who boxes his ear for his trouble). "It didn't belong with the elephants, and the Prime Minister's going to be really angry, and I've already had my pocket money cancelled for shaving the cat."

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (93559)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News presented by Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando (98232288)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2012172)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5353004)

10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (50385511)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7574240) **12.05pm Pebble Mill**. Alan Titchmarsh's guests include Paul Nicholas, who talks about his role in the stage musical *Singin' in the Rain* (s) (6131998) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26447849)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (80202)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55724288) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (55728004)

2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (s) (6809530) **3.00 Today's Gourmet**. Another recipe from Jacques Pepin (4578)

3.30 Secret Life of Toys (s) (4393917) **3.45 Monster Cafe** (s) (4381172) **4.00 Mortimer and Arabel**. Puppet comedy drama (s) (3583714) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (7638801) **4.35 Mighty Max** (s) (5384375)

4.55 Newsround (2537530) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes a recap on the details of the 1994 Christmas Appeal. (Ceefax) (s) (2112375)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (427530)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (559)

6.30 Regional news magazines (511)

7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz with Noel Edmonds (s) (6559)

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs magazine, presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (795)

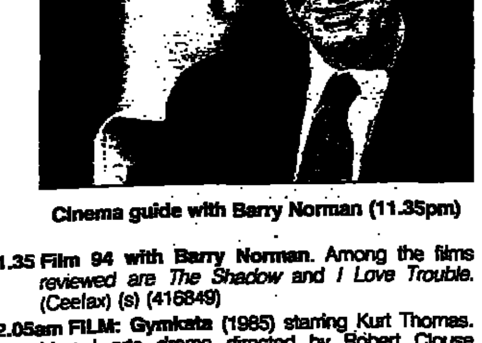
8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (5207)

8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Barrie as the nerdish manager of a council-owned leisure centre. (Ceefax) (s) (4714)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7882)

9.30 Panorama: The Mr Nice Guy Murders. A look at the private and professional life of O.J. Simpson, accused of murdering his wife and her friend (102004)

10.10 FILM: Red Sonja (1985) starring Brigitte Nielsen and Arnold Schwarzenegger. A fantasy adventure about two goodies doing battle with an evil queen. Directed by Richard Fleischer (9710004). **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 Film: Major League 12.15am Film 94 12.50-1.10 The Sky at Night



Cinema guide with Barry Norman (11.35pm)

11.35 Film 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films *reviewed are The Shadow* and *I Love Trouble*. (Ceefax) (s) (416849)

12.05am FILM: Gymkata (1985) starring Kurt Thomas. Martial arts drama directed by Robert Clouse (3231641) **1.30 Weather** (9760912). Ends at **1.35**

3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (24009)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (8258153) **7.05 Teddy Trucks** (r) (s) (8257424) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (9405545) **7.35 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (9701085)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6997337)

8.15 Pride of Dress (5470694)

8.25 Jerusalem – of Heaven and Earth (8291714)

8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w) (1168288)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6385337) **12.30-1.00 Working Lunch**. Business, consumer and workplace news (61240) (56636172) **2.00** Just So Stories (97037135)

2.10 *FILM: The Long Summer of George Adams* (1982) starring James Garner and Joan Hackett. The story of how the introduction of diesel-run trains affected the career and family of a small-town America railworker. Directed by Stuart Margolin. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (378424) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3388714)

4.00 Today's the Day (b/w) (r) (424)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cuisine magazine (608)

5.00 Esther. Discussion series (s) (4337)

5.30 Catchword. Word power game (288)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. Fantasy adventures (r) (552337)

6.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. *W is for Wax* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (614530)

7.00 The World at War. Series tracing the history of the Second World War (r). (Ceefax) (9733)

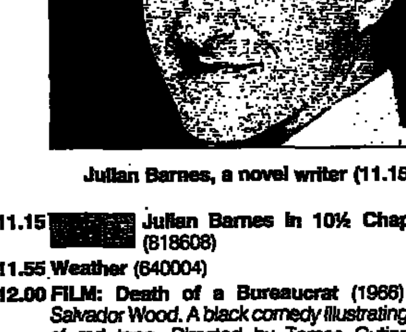
8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Whispers of Creation**. (Ceefax) (s) (500795)

8.50 10 x 10: The Debt. An award-winning black comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (325714)

9.00 Steptoe and Son (b/w). An episode from the 1962 series (r) (5424)

9.30 Martin Chuzzlewit. Episode two of the six-part dramatisation of Charles Dickens's comic novel, starring Paul Scofield. (Ceefax) (s) (10608)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (317269)



Julian Barnes, a novel writer (11.15pm)

11.15 CHOICE **Julian Barnes in 10½ Chapters** (s) (818608)

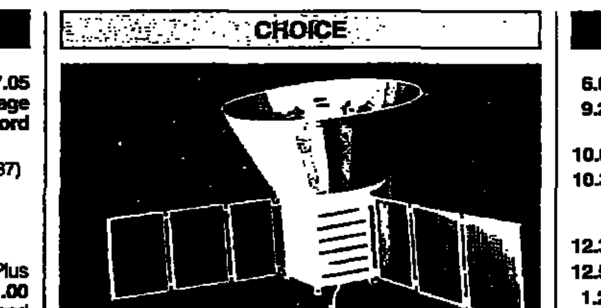
11.55 Weather (640004)

12.00 FILM: Death of a Bureaucrat (1966) starring *Salvador Wood. A black comedy illustrating the evils* of red tape. Directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea (3230912). Ends at **1.25am**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Modern Languages – Lernexpress (96912) **4.45-5.00 BBC Select: Disability Agenda** (67211950)

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CHOICE



A satellite detected ripples in space (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: Whispers of Creation
BBC2, 8.00pm

In April 1992 the world media proclaimed the discovery of the century. It may not have sounded very dramatic to the scientifically ignorant but the detection by an American satellite of ripples at the outer edges of space was hailed as a breakthrough in understanding how the universe developed. Since then scientists around the world have been trying to digest the information and build upon it. This programme follows the endeavours of teams in California, Tenerife and Cambridge as they try to establish what happened in the crucial period after the Big Bang to turn the original fireball into atoms, molecules, stars and galaxies. If progress is slow and the conclusions tentative, the journey is clearly worth making.

Julian Barnes in 10½ Chapters
BBC2, 11.15pm

Introduced as the writer who has tested the novel form to destruction, Julian Barnes is interviewed by Michael Ignatieff. Barnes gets his pre-emptive strike in early by saying that he hates being told what his themes are. Ignatieff still finds plenty to ask about. His questions tend to be longer than Barnes's answers. Ignatieff puts the criticism that while Barnes is clever, versatile and amusing, his characters sometimes fail to move. Barnes's retort is to smile politely and talk about irony. When the conversation turns to love, art and truth, it becomes so cerebral that even Ignatieff starts to look lost. Barnes sums up his work as posing questions, not giving answers. This is also a fair summary of the programme.

People First: Stolen Lives
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Geoffrey was seven when he was picked off the street and sent to Meanwood Park Colony on the outskirts of Leeds. Classified as feeble-minded under the Mental Deficiency Act of 1913 he stayed there for 48 years. With its residential villas set in spacious, landscaped grounds, Meanwood saw itself as an enlightened approach to the care of the disabled. But once inside "patients" found it almost impossible to get out. The regime was designed to destroy individuality, with punishments including solitary confinement for those who did not conform. Geoffrey and three other elderly survivors describe their experiences of Meanwood in a disturbing film from the team responsible for the BBC's excellent *Forbidden Britain*.

Cutting Edge: Healing Wounds
Channel 4, 9.00pm

One effect of the paramilitary ceasefires in Northern Ireland has been to make life more bearable for Belfast ambulance crews. This graphic documentary gives an idea of how things were before. With Catholics and Protestants working side by side in equal numbers, the ambulance service is one of the few institutions to have abolished the sectarian divide. Its example has not been widely followed. *On one bad night in Belfast* paramedics are called in to deal with the aftermath of 14 shootings and 16 kneecappings. Drunks and joyriders provide the more routine casualties. Crews face the constant danger and abuse with an impressive passivity but the adrenalin will still be pumping for days afterwards.
Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (15269)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4463882) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6395714)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9937530)

10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine (73848443) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7570424)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9708397)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (8158658)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (20269085) **1.55 Capital Woman** (s)(52364207)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (23271207) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (7391530)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6688849) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6670820)

3.30 Rainbow (r) (4397733) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3386356) **3.50 St Tiggywinkles** (4308849) **4.05 Sooty and Co** (s) (8122578) **4.30 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (5370172) **4.50 How 2**. Fun and facts series

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2106714)

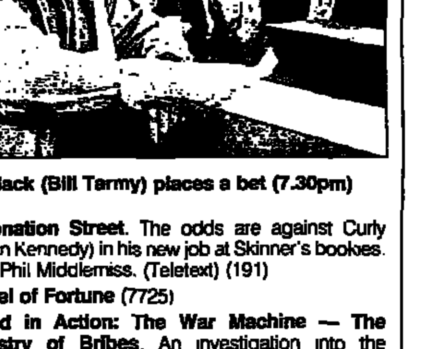
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (269086)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (495172)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (627)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (207)

7.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Mesmerising entertainment when ten more entranced volunteers become stars of the show (s) (1627)



Jack (Bill Tarmy) places a bet (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. The odds are against Curly (Kevin Kennedy) in his new job at Skinner's bookies. With Phil Middlemiss. (Teletext) (191)

8.00 Wheel of Fortune (7725)

8.30 World in Action: The War Machine — The Ministry of Bribes. An investigation into the alleged corruption which lies at the heart of the Ministry of Defence and the process of arms procurement (s) (9882)

9.00 Cracker: The Big Crunch starring Robbie Coltrane as the abrasive Fitz in the final episode of the three-part drama following the investigation into a missing teenager. (Teletext) (s) (2443)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (49530)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (890627)

10.40 The Good Sex Guide. (Teletext) (s) (165337)

11.10 The ITV Panasonic Sports Personality of the Year Awards from London's Café Royal (s) (947559)

12.10am The Little Picture Show (3763283)

1.10 Endsleigh League Football Extra (9141080)

1.55 Traps with George C. Scott (6735844)

2.45 FILM: The Travelling Companion (1989). Film adaptation of a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale in *which a young man must prove his courage in order* to win the hand of a beautiful princess. Directed by Ludvik Raza (120383)

4.30 Videofashion (43134)

5.00 Hollywood Report (99825)

5.30 ITN Morning News (72009). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (4141240)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (96085)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (66207)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (8824337) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8847288) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8231191)**10.20** The Maths Programme (7548306) **10.40** The English Programme (5054356) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9517085) **11.15** Art Adventures (9600375) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3563714) **11.45** Junior Technology (3568269)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (46443)

12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning entertainment. The guest is Gregory Hines (19004) **1.30 Hullabaloo** with Floella Benjamin (s). Followed by **Fourways Farm** (s) (95207)

2.00 FILM: Dancing in the Dark (1949) starring William Powell, Adolphe Menjou and Betsy Drake. A lively musical about a former silent movie star who is employed as a talent spotter for a studio boss but signs up his own daughter in preference to a Broadway star that his boss wants. Directed by Irving Reis (374608)

3.40 So You Think You Need Glasses? A Joe McDoakes comedy adventure (5898675)

4.00 Fat Man in Argentina: Going Gaucho. Tom Vernon begins his travels through Argentina in the city of Lujan, where he meets wealthy landowners, attends the "coming out" party of a local girl and rides with the Gauchos (r). (Teletext) (820)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (284)

5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (1240)

6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (269)

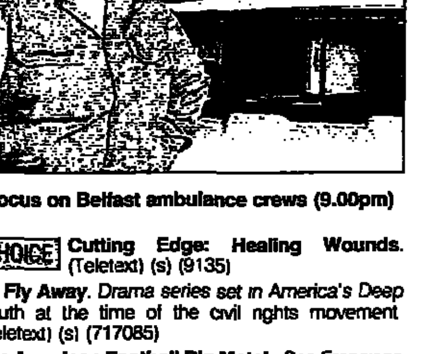
6.30 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (849)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (938153)

7.50 Belfast Lessons (118191)

8.00 CHOICE **People First: Stolen Lives**. (Teletext) (8917)

8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham barber's starring Norman Beaton. (Teletext) (s) (7424)



Focus on Belfast ambulance crews (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Healing Wounds**. (Teletext) (s) (9135)

10.00 *I'll Fly Away*. *Drama series set in America's Deep* South at the time of the civil rights movement (Teletext) (s) (717085)

10.55 The American Football Big Match San Francisco 49ers v Dallas Cowboys and the Kansas Chiefs v the San Diego Chargers (8328714)

12.15am Transworld Sport (689757)

1.15 Evening Shade. Comedy series set in small-town America, starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (9903863)

1.50 FILM: The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo (1935, b/w) starring Ronald Colman and Joan Bennett. A romantic comedy about a man who makes a killing at a casino and the woman hired to lure him back to the tables. Directed by Stephen Roberts (4839711). Ends at **3.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (6395714) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7570424) **1.55** A Country Practice News (55712443) **2.20** Housepatty (23263288) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7391530) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6670820) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2106714) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (171511) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (890627) **11.10** First Take (240608) **12.40am-1.10** Coach (6828318) **1.50** Sport AM (8224047) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5338134) **3.15** The Beat (5665399) **4.10** Jobfinder (8567979) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (99825)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (6395714) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7570424) **1.55** A Country Practice (55712443) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (23263288) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7391530) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6670820) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2106714) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (171511) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (890627) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (219288) **12.05am-12.10** Night Shift (2599660) **4.30** Jobfinder (1689502) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2411009)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (6156258) **1.25** Home and Away (87434462) **1.50** Onassis - The Richest Man In The World (9814240) **2.50-3.20** Look and Cook (7391530) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2106714) **6.25** Granada Tonight (848240) **6.50** The Bradshaws (618356) **7.00-7.30** The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna (1627) **10.30** Granada News (890627) **10.40** Fashion (165337) **11.10** With... (240608) **11.40** World Championship Boxing (293375) **12.35am** Best of British Motor Sport (1745573) **1.10** Endsleigh League Football Extra (9603918) **1.50** Sport AM (8224047) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5338134) **3.15** The Beat (5665399) **4.10** Jobfinder (8567979) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (99825)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 The Gilded Cage (7601795) **3.10-3.20** Cartoon Time (6196559) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (2106714) **5.55** Home and Away (423714) **10.40** HTV News (171511) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (165337) **11.10** Not the Scenery of the Moor (165337) **11.40** Great Westerners (5145554) **12.10am** Love and War (5145554) **12.35-1.10** Coach (1745573) **1.50** Sport AM (8224047) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5338134) **3.15** The Beat (5665399) **4.10** Jobfinder (8567979) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (99825)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (2106714) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (171511) **10.30** HTV News (890627) **10.40** Primetime (165337) **11.10** Southampton International Boat Show (240608) **11.40-12.10pm** The Wynford Vaughan-Thomas Season (400288)

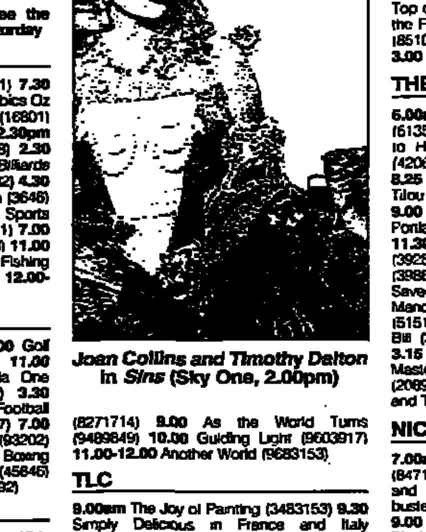
MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55712443) **2.20** Housepatty (23263288) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7391530) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2106714) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (627) **6.30-7.00** Ridgeriders (207) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News (890627) **11.10** Without Prejudice? (240608) **11.40-12.10pm** Sledge Hammer (400288) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (99825)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 Gardening Time (52364207) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (23262559) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2106714) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (73085) **11.10** The Front Line (240608) **12.40am-1.10** Coach (6828318) **1.50** Sport AM (8224047) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5338134) **3.15** The Beat (5665399) **4.10** Jobfinder (8567979) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (99825)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55712443) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (23263288) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2106714) **6.55** Calendar (195066) **6.30-7.00** Crimestoppers Special (207) **10.40** On the Edge (165337) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide (240608) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (293375) **12.35am** The Accomplice (993979) **2.30** The New Music (19047) **3.30** Coach (26508047) **3.55-5.30** Jobfinder (734641)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (96085) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (68207) **9.30** Yagolion (106337) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (46443) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ty Chwith (63608) **1.00** Trumpton (99172) **1.30** Crawshaw Paints Acrylics (95207) **2.00** Dentist On The Job (621153) **3.35** Golf Specialist (4290608) **4.00** Waterways (820) **4.30** Batman (284) **5.00** 5 Pump (1779172) **5.15** 5 Pump (5202601) **5.30** Fifteen To One (356) **6.00** Newyddion (843795) **6.20** Hano (194462) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9269) **7.30** Sgorio (34337) **8.30** Newyddion (7424) **9.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwa (3820) **9.30** Cheers (76173) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (717085) **10.55** The American Football Big Match (8328714) **12.15am** Desmond's (34406) **12.45** Lonely Planet: The Pacific Islands (33776)

SATELLITE



Joan Collins and Timothy Dalton in *Sins* (Sky One, 2.00pm)

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (77207) **8.00** Power Rangers (8171801) **8.45** Cartoons (2265086) **9.30** Card Sharks (10530) **10.00** Concentration (8741375) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9582269) **10.30** Candid Camera (80801) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (44646) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (71153) **12.30pm** E Street (21646) **1.00** Falcon Crest (19801) **2.00** Sins (10191) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (8758375) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1491646) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9288) **6.00** Gamesworld (8801) **6.30** Spellbound (9153) **7.00** E Street (9707) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5337) **8.00** Adventures of Brisco County Jr (54698) **9.00** Melrose Place (67482) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (77849) **11.00** David Letterman (102559) **11.45** Booker (113453) **12.45am** Barney Miller (51196) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (58009)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5302733) **9.30** Worldwide Report (5162820) **10.10** 60 Minutes (4265269) **1.30pm** CBS News (18462) **2.30** WTN Roving Report (49065) **3.30** The Book Show (7559) **6.00** Richard Littlejohn (44511) **9.10** 60 Minutes (83879820) **11.30** CBS News (90172) **12.30am** ABC News (9990202) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (7604486) **2.30** WTN Roving Report (15318) **3.30** The Book Show (10883) **4.30** CBS News (73283) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (45979)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (7450733) **10.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea** (1961). Adventure (25462) **12.00 Dream Chasers** (1985): Melodrama (318882) **1.50pm Hurry Sundown** (1967). Drama (78583795) **4.15 Petticoat Pirates** (1961). Comedy (88941627) **6.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea** (1961). As 10am (48337) **8.00 Spotswood** (1991): *Drama* (43882) **10.00 Sworn to Vengeance** (1993): Drama (233559) **11.35 Swamp Thing** (1982): Horror romance (469207) **1.10am Valmont** (1989): Drama (33861738) **3.25 Afternoon** (1989): Erotic thriller (71740863)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Girl Most Likely (1957): Musical comedy (33443) **8.00 The Drowning Pool** (1975): Drama (45288) **10.00-12.00 The Children's Hour** (1962): Drama (97153)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am My Darling Clementine (1946) Western (80917) **8.00 Spiderman** (1977): Fantasy (58135) **10.00 My Friend Walter** (1992): Drama (23004) **12.00 The Crackerman** (1983): Comedy (99608) **2.00pm Young Mr Lincoln** (1939) Biopic (59443) **4.00 Spiderman** (1977): As 8am (5462) **6.00 Freeze Frame** (1989). Drama (58998) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (1375) **8.00 Married to It** (1993): Romantic comedy (41424) **10.00 Knight Moves** (1993): Drama (26827) **12.00 Toy Soldiers** (1991): Drama (541405) **1.55am A Passion for Murder** (1992). *Thriller* (674612) *3.30 The Damned* (1964): Drama (856950)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am World Sport Special (81191) **7.30** World Cup of Golf (48917) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (76527) **10.00** The Big League (16801) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (97288) **12.30pm** FA Cup First Round Match (48578) **2.30** World Sport Special (1530) **3.00** Billiards (69356) **4.00** Speed and Beauty (2882) **4.30** Windsurfing (6066) **5.00** WWF Mania (3646) **6.00** Soccer News (574288) **6.15** Sports Classics (562443) **6.30** Fishing (3511) **7.00** FA Cup First Round Match (6157898) **11.00** Soccer News (203337) **11.15** Fishing (443066) **11.45** Classics (202733) **12.00-2.00am** FA Cup (79009)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (82066) **8.00** Golf (43443) **10.00** Triathlon (91578) **11.00** Supercross (71714) **12.00** Formula One (11358) **1.00pm** Tennis (212462) **3.30** Nascar (81820) **4.30** Samba Football (77608) **6.30** Eurosport News (8207) **7.00** Speedworld (90714) **8.00** Nascar (93202) **9.00** Eurogoals (63172) **10.30** Boxing (25443) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (45646) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (49562)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Destinations (8275530) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3424066) *1.00 Flight of an Angel* (9694269) **1.30** Cooking in America (3423337) **2.00** American Adventurer (2335795) **2.30** Kaleidoscope (5708191) **3.00** Destinations (2347530) **3.30** Mansion (5787608) **4.00** Flight of an Angel (5799443) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5795627) **5.00** Kaleidoscope (2359375) **5.30** Cooking in America (5719207) **6.00** Getaway (3432085) **7.00** American Adventurer (2339611) **7.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (5796356) **8.00** Travel Guide (4617117) **9.00** Getaway (4712761) *10.00 Travel* (8263559) **10.30** Golf (8292207) **11.00** Cooking in America (7276066) **11.30-12.00** Mansion (5251627)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (8272443) **8.30** Peyton Place (8271714) **9.00** As the World Turns (9489849) **10.00** Guiding Light (9603917) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9683153)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (3483153) **9.30** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (6994627) **10.00** Private Lives (2704646) **10.30** Only Human (3659443) **11.30** Life is for Living (6627207) **12.00** Stroke (3403917) **12.30pm** Class by Class (6998443) **1.00** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (1160337) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (6997714) **2.00** Talking Heads (1872646) **2.30** The Sick Kids (2627578) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (1851153) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (2699795)

UK GOLD
7.00am *The Sullivans* (6666608) **7.30** Neighbours (9870448) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5196135) **8.30** EastEnders (6545676) **9.00** The Bill (2840068) **9.30** One by One (9033998) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (48709153) **11.35** The Sullivans (19566443) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2945612) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7651172) **1.00** EastEnders (9890207) **1.30** The Bill (7650443) **2.00** George and Mildred (8731511) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (3398265) **3.00** Knots Landing (3748172) **4.00** Dynasty (3767207) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2246733) **5.35** Top of the Pops (3183917) **5.55** Terry and June (2527998) **6.30** EastEnders (8243117) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (2926849) **8.00** Life Without George (8751375) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (8730882) *9.00 Tenko* (2915733) **10.00** The Bill (1595171) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9130530) **11.15** Who Pays the Ferryman? (7697882) **12.15am** Dr Who (8510047) **12.45** Gangsters (4726844) **1.45-3.00** Shopping at Night (52651399)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (5365397) **6.15** Bobobobs (613558) **6.45** Casper (605530) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (1518248) **7.25** Garfield (4206424) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (4888040) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7847337) **8.40** Tilou (8669207) **8.50** Cococinel (8658191) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (35085) **10.00** Portland Bill (73269) **11.00** Kitty Cats (99511) **11.30** Barney (90240) **12.00** Ratkan III (39288) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (39868820) **12.40** Garfield (1020085) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70015375) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51519172) **1.50** Tilou (51515356) **2.00** Babar (2559) **2.30** Blinky Bill (3530) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2438375) **3.15** Bobbys World (226172) **3.45** The Bots Master (2254431) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2089240) **4.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (2066)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (8747207) **7.15** Grimmy (847153) **7.45** Rugrats (297694) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9674191) **8.30** Real Ghostbusters (2543207) **8.45** Nickalive! (2531462) **9.00** Nick Jr (170207) **12.00** Pee Wee's Playhouse (88530) **12.30pm** Rugrats (76545) **1.00** Doug (88004) **1.30** The Chipmunks (26086) **2.00** Denver (1801) **2.30** Smoggies (9172) **3.00** Nick Faves (7608) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (1917) **4.00** Turtles Gold (6264) **4.30** Rugrats (6608) **5.00** Clarissa (2153) **5.30** Doug (8408) **6.00** Grimmy (5171) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1153)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm From Monkeys to Apes (5996040) **4.30** Wild Sanctuaries (9598004) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8753733) **5.30** The New Explorers (1598284) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7887733) **7.00** Lifeboat (8740269) **7.30** Treasure Islands (8148563) **8.00** Wildside (2993511) **9.00** Endangered World (2913375) **10.00** Everest (2916462) **11.00** Secret Weapons (3766578) **11.30-12.00** Spirit of Survival (1906004)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Stranger's Hand (1954): Drama (3801630) **2.00pm** The Avengers (2366645) **3.00** My Three Sons (8745714) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (6548789) **4.00** FILM: Mad About Men (1954) Comedy (8749530) **6.00** *The Protectors* (4643153) **6.30** Cannon (3367849) **7.30** The Invisible Man (3654787) **8.00** The Avengers (2997337) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3758559) **9.30** FILM: Sweeney (1977) (4410849) **11.30-12.00** Rat Patrol (3001838)

UK LIVING
6.00am Anne and Nick (5891191) **8.00** OK 2 Talk Feelings (4961527) **8.15** Everyday Yoga (7311248) **8.30** Great Expectations (3494269) **9.00** Masterchef (1949066) **9.35** Definition (3924849) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2799714) **10.30** Susan Powter (3407733) **11.00** Young and Restless (1184917) **12.00** The Look (1633462) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1827559) **1.30** On the House (6982882) **2.00** Agony Hour (2790443) **3.00** Living (3449288) **3.45** Gladrags (24950066) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2603998) **4.30** Definition (49254269) **4.55** Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery (6942066) **5.30** Kate & Allie (2616462) **6.00** Maternal World (2613375) **6.30** Mr and Mrs Show (2604627) **7.00** Living (1689172) **8.00** Young and Restless (1598820) **9.00** FILM: Happy Endings Romance (96553849) **10.50** Short Shorts (8997191) **11.00** Susan Powter (6603627) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (2795998)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (6511) **5.30** Jeux Sans Frontieres (17085) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (5511) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6375) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (1795) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (47646) **9.00** Moonlighting (27882) **10.00** Catchphrase (30917) **10.30** GP (16337) **11.00** Lou Grant (74998) **12.00** Rhoda (15776) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (79486) **1.00** Catchphrase (15028) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (51221) **2.00** Moonlighting (50252) **3.00** Lou Grant (39399) **4.00** Rhoda (56370) **4.30-5.00** The Mighty Jungle (22221)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (54757) **8.30** The Grind (46527) **7.00** MTV 1994 European Music Awards Special (67605) **7.30** Awake on the Wildside (79443) **8.00** VJ Ingo (50920) **10.00** European Music Awards Special (75627) **11.00** Soul (88191) **12.00** Greatest Hits (60646) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (38172) **2.30** European Music Awards Special (78608) **3.30** The Report (7649707) **3.45** Cinematic (6194612) **4.00** News (2008375) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2098998) **4.30** Dial (2424) **5.00** Hit List UK (12511) **7.00** Greatest Hits (8733) **7.30** Phil Collins Rockumentary (3153) **8.00** Unplugged with Phil Collins (49004) **9.00** Real World 3 (11733) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (61375) **10.00** The Report (875820) **10.15** Cinematic (870375) **10.30** News (614269) **10.45** 3 from 1 (602424) **11.00** *The End?* (86917) **1.00am** The Soul (40221) **2.00** The Grind (74776) **2.30-5.00** Night Videos (274467)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9686240) **9.00** Café (1422375) **12.00** The Bridge (r) (6184191) **1.30** Ten of the Best (3797172) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8595511) **3.30** Into the Music (8921443) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3434443) **7.00** For You (8112527) **8.00** Album Chart (8217171) **10.00** The Bridge (9452795) **11.30** One to One (5253085) **12.00** The Nightfly (2550028) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (8525450) **3.00-5.00** Album Chart (3502950)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (17191) **7.00** Asian Morning (58646) **8.30** Buniyaad (22998) **9.00** Regional Movie (792443) **12.00** Ghar (26714) **12.30pm** Drama (76207) **1.00** Hindi FILM (696795) **4.00** *Kiddie Time* (8608) **4.30** TVA and You (87207) **5.30-6.00** Serial (1172) **7.00** Pakistani Drama (95248) **8.00** News (8337) **8.30** Business Report (6612) **9.00** Hindi FILM (436240) **12.00** Asian Morning (931711) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (81438950)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme Spotlight on Dick Powell:
7.00pm The Singing Marine (1937) (62738530) **9.00 Flirtation Walk** (1934) (38349530) **10.50 Broadway Gondolier** (1935) (92125359) **12.45 Hearts Divided** (1936) Napoleon's brother falls for Baltimore girl Marion Davies (57569399) **2.15 The Cowboy from Brooklyn** (1938) (2533379) **3.40-5.00 Broadway Hostess** (1935) Rags to riches tale of a small town singer (67452009)

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CNN provides 24-hour news coverage, CMT has country music from 6am to 7pm and QVC is the home shopping channel

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Reject Shop heads upmarket in quest for improved results



JEFFREY Gould, chief executive of Upton & Southern Holdings, the Middlesbrough stores group that acquired the troubled Reject Shop retail chain this year, is hoping that a move upmarket will bolster the group's battered fortunes in the run-up to Christmas.

Mr Gould, pictured right, last week opened the group's first RJ's store in Nottingham. Its retailing concept is based on "marketing well designed quality furnishings at highly competitive prices". At least a fifth of the stock on sale is exclusive to RJ's. Upton plans to extend the concept, subject to satisfactory pilot tests in Nottingham and Hull, where a store opens this month, to other suitable Reject Shop outlets from next spring.

Upton & Southern's shares collapsed from a high of 63¾p this year to 5p in the wake of its disastrous acquisition of The Reject Shop chain in February, which suffered from alleged stock shortages and lost £2.5 million in the 19 weeks after it was bought for £2.3 million. Last month, Upton said it would cease trading unless it raised £5.5 million through a rescue rights issue.

The group would have lost the support of its bankers if Reject Shop, trading from 31 leasehold sites, had to close. Upton has also issued writs against five former Reject Shop directors.

British Gas and Euro Bank face oil spill fury

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Gas, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and a group of Western oil companies are bracing themselves for a damaging assault by environmentalists over their failure to avert the disastrous oil spill in Russia's Komi Republic.

Greenpeace activists in London will tomorrow publish details of five Western companies that use the Russian state-owned pipeline, which failed in August, creating possibly the world's biggest oil spill, just outside the Arctic Circle.

The EBRD, whose founding agreement commits it to support "environmentally sound and sustainable development", has pledged a loan of US$80 million to a consortium in which British Gas and Gulf Canada are each 25 per cent partners.

This company, KomiArctic-Oil (KAO), is 40 per cent owned by Komineft, the state-owned oil and gas production company, which operates the pipeline that failed some 700 miles northeast of Moscow, flooding a marsh and pouring into nearby rivers. The remaining shares are owned by a Komi exploration business.

Output from KAO's Upper Vozey Silurian oilfield has risen rapidly since Gulf Canada and British Gas became partners three years ago. Production is now about 17,000 barrels a day, about 10 per cent of pipeline capacity.

Conoco has a 50/50 partnership with Komineft in a separate production consortium, Polar Lights, which pumps 22,000 barrels a day through the pipeline.

Although the cause of the disaster remains unclear, it is evident that the Russians have known for years that the pipeline was in poor repair. Western companies buying into existing oilfields on the Komi Peninsular at a time when Russia was in political turmoil were denied access to transmission facilities.

According to Paul Ellis, director of international exploration at British Gas, Komineft was so secretive about the pipeline that it would not even disclose its diameter. "They regarded everything as a state secret," he said. "We examined what we could, but we were not able to examine the pipeline physically."

However, British Gas soon learnt that all was not well with delivery arrangements from the field in which it had become a minority partner. "We became aware that the pipeline was being repaired and that a new line would be in place by summer 1993," Mr Ellis said.

Despite the inflow of dollars from its Western partners — British Gas paid US$60 million dollars for its stake — Komineft ran out of cash and work on the pipeline stopped.

According to reports from Russia, the pipeline began to leak in February. In September, British Gas officials in London learnt that it had been shut down for five or six days for repairs. However, on October 1, heavy rain undermined an earth dam built around the leak by the Russians, and more than 14,000 tonnes of impounded oil was washed into surrounding countryside.

Mr Ellis said that although British Gas has some employees working within KAO, his company knew nothing of the leak until it was reported in the press. KAO has offered earth-moving equipment and drivers to help to clear the leaked oil, but the Russians have yet to accept the offer, he said. However, it appears that the damaged section of pipeline has been bypassed by linking in the new pipe near by.

Although its loan facility has yet to be drawn down, the EBRD, its credibility battered by last year's scandal over its palatial offices and excessive costs, is deeply concerned about its association with the pipeline disaster.

A spokeswoman said that the bank had no knowledge of the disaster before press reports appeared. "We have been in constant touch with the joint venture partners in trying to keep abreast of the situation," she said.

Mr Ellis said that he was convinced that investment by Western companies remained the best chance of helping the Russians to modernise their oil infrastructure and to improve standards of environmental care. Talks about a gas production joint venture with Agip in the huge Kazahkstan oilfield were on course.

An EBRD official acknowledged: "There are always lessons to be learnt."

Industry urged to clean up its act


Wanless: warning

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH industry must clean up its act or risk losing out to businesses in other European countries with better environmental records, according to Derek Wanless, chief executive of National Westminster Bank.

Mr Wanless will be speaking at a seminar on Wednesday organised by the Advisory Committee on Business and the Environment. He will warn the Government that it must put an environmental legislative framework in place soon, so that companies, insurers, banks and accountants know where they stand.

In Acbe's fourth progress report to the Government, just published, Mr Wanless says that ministers must "proceed with particular caution" when deciding who pays for environmental clean-ups.

In response to the Government's *Paying for our Past* consultation paper earlier this year, Acbe supported the Government's intention to base any initiative on the principle that the polluter pays, but said: "Any solution should be practical and not idealistic and policy must ensure that money is channelled to prevention and clean-up, rather than excessive litigation."

In reply to the report, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and John Gummer, Environment Secretary, said they agreed on the need for caution in the complex area of liability for environmental harm, with "many potential impacts on business costs and the availability of funds for investment".

On Wednesday, Mr Wanless will call for firms to report on the impact of environmental issues on their businesses.

Mr Wanless says there is too much uncertainty over a legislative framework and that German firms have gained from working with a tougher environmental framework.

Cookson and Matthey in merger talks

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

COOKSON and Johnson Matthey, the industrial groups, are in discussions that could lead to a £2.5 billion merger. An announcement yesterday was the culmination of three years of talks between the companies.

In a statement, the directors of both companies said that they were holding discussions that might lead to proposals being made for a merger.

The statement said: "The merger will capitalize on the complementary nature of the companies' businesses. Discussions are at a relatively early stage. The boards of both companies wish to make it clear that any recommendations to shareholders on a merger will be based on the relative contributions of each company to the merged group."

Observers expect a new holding company to be set up to acquire shares in the two companies. The two sides are now in negotiations to work out the details of how the all-share merger will value the two sides. A deal could be completed before the end of the year.

Cookson's market capitalisation is £1.4 billion, compared with Johnson Matthey which is £1.1 billion, although the negotiations will also look at what each side will contribute by way of profits and profitability.

A new board is likely to be chaired by David Davies, Johnson Matthey's chairman, with Richard Oster, Cookson's chief executive, keeping that title. Robert Malpas, Cookson's chairman, who has been a key player in the talks, is thought likely to stay on as a non-executive director.

The City has been expecting a link up between the two. Cookson built up an 8 per cent stake in Johnson Matthey from 1988, but was forced to sell it in 1990. The firm's financial situation looked precarious during the recession — in a US filing it had warned that its borrowings had reached an unsustainably high level. Two rights issues and the arrival of Mr Oster in 1991 helped turn its fortunes round.

Cookson is expected to make profits of about £116 million in the current year, before reorganisation costs of £50 million. Johnson Matthey is expected to produce profits of £90 million.

Observers said the improvement in Cookson's financial position, the disposal programme that cleaned up its portfolio, and growing confidence between the two firms put the merger talks back on track.

Earlier this year, Cookson sold part of its engineering product operations to a management buyout team. It has also bought Johnson Matthey's jewellery operations and the two companies have a ceramics joint venture. A merger would put them in the top five suppliers to the world's electronics industry and would put them into the FT-SE 100 index of Britain's biggest firms.

Shortage of skills threatens recovery

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN is facing economically damaging skill shortages as it emerges from recession, with rising unemployment among the unskilled and low skilled posing the "greatest threat" to manufacturing recovery.

Before this week's unemployment figures, which ministers expect to show a continuing fall in the downward trend of the number out of work, both the Labour Party and Lloyds Bank call upon Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to introduce measures in his Budget to alleviate the skills gap and improve Britain's competitiveness and economic performance.

Harriet Harman, Labour's employment spokesman, today publishes figures, drawn from unpublished Government statistics, which show that although unemployment may be falling, among the unskilled it is rising and skill shortages are growing. Among people with no academic or vocational qualification, unemployment is 14.6 per cent and rising. Unqualified men are the worst hit, with an unemployment rate of 21 per cent, rising to 38 per cent, if the economically inactive are included.

An analysis by *The Times* of long-term unemployment, published today, shows it still forms almost three-fifths of the total number out of work.

In its economic bulletin, Lloyds Bank identifies low-skill levels as "probably the single greatest threat to UK manufacturing", and echoes the call for new skills measures in the Budget.

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Visa launches card to cut costs for business

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

VISA International, the credit card group, has launched a new corporate purchasing card aimed at speeding up and reducing the cost of small payments from large firms to their suppliers.

National Westminster Bank, Barclays and Midland have signed up for the card. They have been conducting trials with some of their large corporate customers this year.

Visa estimates that the top 1,000 UK firms spend more than £18 billion a year on low value purchases. Companies can set their own transaction and spending limits on each card, including supplier codes.

John Chaplin, Visa's head of market development, said that he expected VAT information to be incorporated into the card by the end of next year. Visa said firms using the card would be able to ensure that suppliers were paid within two to three days.

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BEST OF LOCATIONS

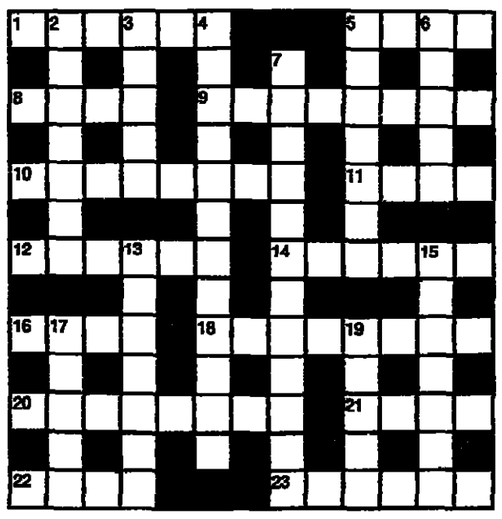
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 318

ACROSS
1 Colleague of Athos, Porthos (6)
5 Soothing resin (4)
8 Insipid; piece of scenery (4)
9 Faultless (8)
10 Malicious (8)
11 Disastrous; ominous (4)
12 Prolific (6)
14 Striped peppermint (6)
16 Slow, repeated (steam) engine noise (4)
18 Producing sleep, stupor (8)
20 Fruit: a Sir Humphrey (8)
21 Abstracted; stole (4)
22 Nervous (4)
23 Expecting, desiring (6)

DOWN
2 Return of illness after respite (7)
3 Sacred choral piece (5)
4 Pompous ass (7,5)
5 Ennui (7)
6 Of the moon (5)
7 Be aware of penury (4,3,5)
13 Wicked: very late (hour) (7)
15 Beast susceptible to virgins (7)
17 A stockpile (5)
19 Also: dominating (2,3)

SOLUTION TO NO 317

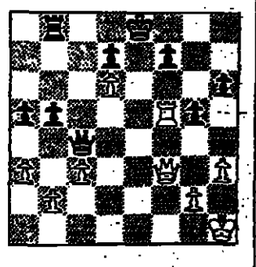
ACROSS: 1 Test-tube 7 Spoor 8 Splash out 9 Beg 10 Yeti 11 Hermit 13 Puppet 14 League 17 Suttee 18 Pied 20 Pot 22 Philippic 23 Rhino 24 Recovery

DOWN: 1 Tasty 2 Split up 3 Tusk 4 Broker 5 Doubt 6 Wriggle 7 Stammer 12 Gestapo 13 Purport 15 Glimpse 16 Repine 17 Strip 19 Dicky 21 Wino

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Ivanchuk - Ljubojevic, Buenos Aires 1994. In this position from the Sicilian Theme tournament in Buenos Aires, the white queen and rook are very active and the black king lacks a defensive pawn shield. Can you spot White's most effective continuation?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SPORTS
CHASE OFF
a. The start of a steeplechase
b. To force retreat at chess
c. A cancelled chase at tennis
MASSE
a. A French rugby scrum
b. A billiard stroke
c. A mountain climb in the Alps
FOSBURY FLOP
a. A belly dive
b. High jump technique
c. A cross-bred greyhound
GUTTA PERCHA
a. A golf ball
b. A ghillie
c. An American sports spectator

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